

MINUTES

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OF THE

Twenty-Eighth Session

White River Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

.....HELD AT.....

✻✻✻ NEWPORT, ARKANSAS, NOVEMBER 24-29, 1897. ✻✻✻



FIRST DAY, NOV. 24.

THE White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its twenty-eighth session in the M. E. Church, South, in the city of Newport, Ark., at 9 a. m., Nov. 24, 1897, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding and conducting the opening religious services.

Z. T. Bennett, secretary of the Conference at its last session, called the roll, and the following named members and delegates answered to their names:

Members—Robert G. Brittain, George A. Dannelly, Henry T. Gregory, John H. Dye, Wm. M. Watson, Wm. R. Foster, John F. Armstrong, Zachary T. Bennett, James F. Jernigan, Frank Ritter, Samuel L. Cochran, Milton B. Umsted, Alonzo C. Griffin, Nicholas E. Skinner, Matthew M. Smith, Franklin R. Noe, Joseph S. Brooke, Stephen W. Register, J. F. Armstrong, Francis A. Jeffett, Stephen D. Evans, John I. Maynard, James R. Edwards, Thomas Whitaker, Prentiss B. Wallis, Thomas B. Williamson, Ellison M. Davis, Francis M. Smith, John Eidson, S. F. Brown, Luther C. Craig, A. C. Graham, J. W. Watson, F. Barrett, I. B. Manly, N. E. Gardner, H. E. May, W. D. Elhs, H. C. Edmonson, Sidney H. Babcock, F. C. Sterling, Thomas A. Bowen, Wilton C. Toombs, W. F. Walker, J. B. McDonald, J. K. Farris, A. E. Holloway, W. C. Davidson, A. F. Skinner, W. E. Hall, Julien C. Brown, J. M. Thrasher, W. B. Roe, E. N. Pitts, Geo. Wilkerson, W. B. Ricks, Fred. Little.

Delegates—Helena District: R. B. Macon, R. R. James. J.

M. Kerr. Searcy District: D. H. Clark. Jonesboro District: L. J. Burchett, M. F. Collier, T. J. Ellis, A. L. Malone. Newport District: F. M. Daniel, J. W. Coffman.

Z. T. Bennett was re-elected secretary, and upon his nomination L. C. Craig, M. F. Collier, F. M. Daniel and W. C. Davidson were elected assistant secretaries.

The Conference voted to meet at 8:30 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m., and the bar of the Conference was fixed.

On nomination of the presiding elders, the following standing committees were elected:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—S. L. Cochran, M. B. Umsted, O. W. Scarborough.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—W. A. Pendergrass, J. I. Maynard, J. D. Sibert, A. C. Griffin, F. M. Smith, J. K. Farris, Fred. Little.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS—N. E. Skinner, S. M. Jones, T. J. Ellis, R. B. Macon, W. H. Rosa.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—J. B. McDonald, F. E. Taylor, W. F. Walker, M. F. Collier, J. W. Coffman.

EPWORTH LEAGUES—W. C. Davidson, A. L. Malone, R. F. Drummond, Frank Barrett, W. E. Hall.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH—J. F. Jernigan, M. B. Umsted, D. H. Clark, H. B. Cox, J. M. Kerr.

MEMOIRS—R. G. Brittain, W. M. Watson, W. W. Anderson, J. E. Spence, L. J. Burchett.

• BIBLE CAUSE—E. M. Davis, T. A. Bowen, H. E. May, S. W. Register.

TEMPERANCE—R. C. Morehead, S. F. Brown, J. H. Clark.

COLPORTAGE—E. N. Pitts, N. E. Gardner.

Communications from secretaries of the Board of Education, Church Extension, Scarritt Training School, Paine and Lane Institute, Board of Missions and Home Mission and Parsonage Society were read by the secretary and referred to their respective Conference Boards.

A communication from the secretary of the Sunday School Board was referred to Conference Board without reading.

Dr. Barbee, book agent; Revs. C. B. Mosely, missionary to Japan; O. H. Tucker, president of Quitman College; J. E. Godbey, editor of Arkansas Methodist; W. F. Grundy, Sunday School evangelist of the Presbyterian church; G. W. Hill, agent of Hendrix College; — Cobb, representing the Missionary Board; W. C. Watson, of Little Rock Conference, and Mr. J. M. Workman, of the Arkansas Methodist, were severally introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Barbee addressed the Conference in behalf of the Publishing House.

Rev. G. W. Hill made a few brief remarks.

Under Question 20. M. M. Smith, H. T. Gregory, J. S. Brooke and S. L. Cochran reported their districts, and their characters passed.

Frank Ritter reported his district, his character passed, and at his own request his name was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

On motion of S. L. Cochran, the name of J. S. Watson was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

The name of Thomas Whitaker was called. His presiding elder stated that he had been suspended until Conference under report of investigating committee, and asked for a committee of trial, whereupon Bishop Hendrix announced the following committee: J. H. Dye, chairman; M. F. Collier, secretary; J. I. Maynard, J. F. Jernigan, N. E. Skinner, W. A. Pendergrass, Frank Barrett, W. R. Foster, M. B. Umsted, W. F. Walker, H. C. Edmonson.

W. W. Hendrix' character was passed and his name referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

R. M. Manly, G. A. Dannelly, J. J. Alexander, J. D. Rutledge and W. R. Foster were called, their characters passed and they were referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

Under Question 1. J. C. Croft, W. R. McAllister and A. E. Horton, recommended by the Batesville District Conference, stood approved examinations and were admitted on trial.

Under Question 2—Who remain on trial? W. M. Wilson, E. H. Wallis, W. P. Talkington and K. R. Durham reported their works, having stood approved examinations, their characters were passed, they were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

W. M. Findley was discontinued at his own request.

Drury H. Colquette was discontinued by vote of the Conference.

Under Question 12. A. F. Skinner, J. D. Sibert, J. K. Farris and A. E. Holloway reported their charges, their characters passed, their examinations were approved, and they were elected to elder's orders.

H. E. May, E. N. Bickley, W. C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald

and T. A. Bowen were not before the committee; their characters passed, they reported their work and were continued in the class of the fourth year.

Under Question 20. Frank Barrett, J. F. Jernigan, R. C. Morehead, J. I. Maynard, N. E. Gardner, W. W. Anderson, S. F. Brown and John Eidson reported their charges, and their characters passed.

On account of sickness, J. M. Talkington and H. B. Cox were unable to attend. Their characters passed and their presiding elders reported their charges.

W. J. Vick was located at his own request under Question 16—Who are located?

J. W. Watson reported his charge, his character passed and his name was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The committee on Public Worship announced that Rev. Fred. Little would preach in the Methodist church at 3 p. m. and Rev. G. W. Hill at 7 p. m., and that Bishop Hendrix would preach the Thanksgiving sermon to-morrow at 11 a. m.

The names of R. B. Macon and R. R. James were added to the committee on Books and Periodicals.

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned, with benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

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SECOND DAY, NOV. 25.

Conference was called to order by Bishop Hendrix at 8:30 a. m., and the opening religious services were conducted by A. M. R. Branson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The names of those who were not present at roll call yesterday were called, and the following members and delegates answered to their names:

Members—F. E. Taylor, A. M. R. Branson, Wm. A. Pendergrass, R. H. Grissett, W. S. Southworth, R. C. Morehead, J. D. Sibert, M. B. Corrigan.

Delegates—Searcy District: J. M. Clark, S. M. Jones. Batesville District: J. R. Metcalf.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with for other days of the Conference.

Dr. C. C. Godden, president of Galloway College, was introduced to the Conference.

Under Question 1. C. L. Castleberry, recommended by the

Batesville District Conference, was presented, his examination was approved, and he was admitted on trial.

Under Question 2. James T. Seaton and Zebedee D. Lindsey reported their charges, their examinations were approved, they were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

On motion, the vote whereby W. M. Findley was discontinued was reconsidered, and Conference voted to continue him on trial.

Under Question 8. John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Thos. J. Taylor, Herschel V. Johnson and James M. Williams reported their charges, their examinations were approved, and they were elected to deacon's orders.

J. G. Parker was discontinued at his own request.

T. W. Fisackerly reported his charge; his examination was approved, he being already a deacon.

W. W. Gibson reported his charge; he was not before the committee; he was continued on trial in the class of the second year.

Bishop Hendrix called George G. Davidson, T. J. Taylor, Herschel V. Johnson, James M. Williams, Willie M. Wilson and J. W. Harper to the chancel and charged them concerning their preparation for admission, and announced that at 9 a. m. to-morrow he would deliver the address to the class for admission into full connection.

Under Question 7. W. B. Roe, W. B. Ricks, Fred. Little and W. E. Hall reported their charges; their examinations being approved, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

E. N. Pitts was not before the committee; his report was given, his character passed, and he was continued in the class of the third year.

H. H. Hunt, student to Hendrix College, not present on account of sickness, was continued in the class of the third year.

Under Question 6. The president announced the name of A. H. Williams, transferred from the Arkansas Conference.

Under Question 5—Who are re-admitted? None.

Under Question 12. F. M. Smith reported his charge, his examination was approved, his character passed, and he was elected elder.

Under Question 10. Willie M. Wilson, recommended by the Helena District Conference; Jasper C. Croft and Walter M. Wayman, recommended by the Batesville District Conference, were

elected to deacon's orders.

Under Question 14—What local preachers are elected elders? None.

On motion, the time for adjournment was fixed at 10:45.

On motion, to-morrow morning, immediately after the address to the class for admission, was fixed for the time for the selection of the place for the next session of the Conference, and for the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Z. T. Bennett, W. M. Watson, W. F. Walker, P. B. Wallis, T. B. Williamson, A. C. Griffin, F. A. Jeffett, H. C. Edmonson, W. C. Davidson, F. E. Taylor, A. C. Graham, R. G. Brittain and J. H. Dye reported their works, and their characters passed.

On motion, M. B. Corrigan was added to the Board of Missions, and W. C. Davidson was added to the committee on Spiritual State of the Church, instead of H. B. Cox.

The committee on Public Worship announced that A. M. R. Branson would preach at the Methodist church at 3 p. m., and C. C. Godden at 7 p. m.

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned for Thanksgiving service at 11 a. m.

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THIRD DAY, NOV. 26.

Conference was called to order by Bishop Hendrix at 8:30 a. m. N. E. Skinner conducted the opening religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A communication from the secretary of the Epworth League was read by the secretary and referred to the Conference Board on Epworth Leagues.

Under Question 7. George Wilkinson reported his work, his character passed, his examination was approved, and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

F. S. H. Johnson, of Hendrix College; A. H. Williams, transferred from the Arkansas Conference; J. H. Paschall and Nelson B. Henry, of the St. Louis Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Barbee made some announcements.

The credentials of J. B. Woodin were surrendered to the Conference.

T. J. Settles reported his work, his character passed, and his name was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

Thos. J. Taylor, John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Herschel V. Johnson, James M. Williams and T. W. Fisackerly were called to the chancel, and, after a very fitting address by the bishop, were by vote of the Conference severally admitted into full connection.

After stating the condition of J. S. Watson, S. L. Cochran asked for a contribution, and the Conference gave him \$50.

The order of the day being, next, the election of delegates, the president appointed J. I. Maynard and N. E. Skinner tellers for the clerical and F. E. Taylor and H. C. Edmonson for the lay delegates. There were four ballots cast for the clerical delegates, resulting as follows:

First ballot—No election. Second ballot—S. H. Babcock was elected. Third ballot—No election. Fourth ballot—J. H. Dye was elected, and, M. M. Smith receiving the next highest number of votes, the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for him, and he was declared elected alternate delegate.

There were eight ballots for lay delegates, which resulted as follows:

First, second and third ballots—No election. Fourth ballot—A. L. Malone was elected. Fifth and sixth ballots—No election. Seventh ballot—R. R. James was elected. Eighth ballot—No election. J. R. Metcalf receiving the highest number of votes, the secretary was instructed, on motion of the lay delegates, to cast their vote for him, and he was declared elected alternate lay delegate.

On motion, the time of adjournment was extended in order to select the place of the next session of this Conference.

Forrest City, Marianna and Clarendon were put in nomination. Clarendon received the highest number of votes, and on motion it was unanimously selected as the place for the next Conference.

The committee on Public Worship announced that F. S. H. Johnson would preach at 3 p. m., and that Bishop Hendrix would deliver the address at the Missionary Anniversary at 7 p. m. in the Methodist church.

Various announcements were made, and Conference adjourned, with benediction by C. C. Godden.

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FOURTH DAY, NOV. 27.

Conference met at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Hendrix in the

chair. Rev. A. C. Millar conducted the opening services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Under Question 20. L. C. Craig, M. B. Umsted, A. M. R. Branson, J. S. Watson, J. M. Thrasher, S. D. Evans, W. D. Ellis, J. R. Edwards and N. E. Skinner reported their respective charges, and their characters passed. The committee in the case of Thomas Whitaker reported as follows:

We, your committee appointed to investigate the charges against the moral character of Bro. Whitaker, beg leave to report that we have carefully and prayerfully considered the same, and find the first and second specifications sustained by the evidence, but the third is not sustained by the evidence. We adjudge his suspension from the ministry and the Conference until the next annual session of this body.

J. H. DYE, Chairman.  
M. F. COLLIER, Secretary.

W. R. FOSTER,  
J. I. MAYNARD,  
N. E. SKINNER,  
M. B. UMSTED,  
JAS. F. JERNIGAN,  
H. C. EDMONSON,  
W. A. PENDERGRASS,  
W. F. WALKER,  
FRANK BARRETT.

Under Question 32—What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$325.10 were reported, and the Conference Board of Church Extension read its report.

The report of the committee on Conference Relations was read.

The statistical secretary made his report.

The committee on Books and Periodicals made its report, and Dr. Godbey, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, made some remarks thereon. The report was adopted.

Bishop Hendrix represented Haygood Memorial Hall and asked for a contribution, which was promptly given, amounting to \$168.15.

M. M. Smith asked for a contribution for T. J. Settle, and \$50.17 was given.

The joint Board of Finance made its report.

Under Question 30—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,160.78.

Question 29—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of the preachers?—was called and answered as follows: \$1,875.

Rev. A. C. Millar, president of Hendrix College, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. F. S. H. Johnson made a few brief remarks concerning Hendrix College.



The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was represented in an address by Mrs. A. G. Dickson, president of the Conference Society.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society was represented in an address by Mrs. J. C. Hawthorne, Conference president.

The report of the Board of Education was read, and the Conference was addressed by Rev. A. C. Millar in behalf of Hendrix College.

On motion, 3 p. m. was fixed as the time for the afternoon session to-day.

The committee on Public Worship announced that Dr. J. E. Godbey would preach at 7 o'clock p. m. in the Methodist church, and that Sunday services would be held as follows:

Methodist church—9 a. m., Love Feast, N. E. Skinner; 11 a. m., Sermon by Bishop Hendrix, and ordination of deacons and elders; 3 p. m., Gospel Temperance Meeting, opened by R. G. Brittain; 6 p. m., Epworth League Rally, with addresses by W. B. Ricks, Joel E. Wynne and J. M. Workman; 7 p. m., Sermon by Dr. J. D. Barbee.

Presbyterian church—11 a. m., Sermon by Dr. Julien C. Brown; 7 p. m., Sermon by Rev. A. C. Millar.

Christian church—11 a. m., Sermon by Fred. Little; 7 p. m., Sermon by A. E. Holloway.

Morning Star Baptist church (colored)—7 p. m., Sermon by I. B. Manly.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. J. E. Godbey.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 p. m., with Bishop Hendrix in the chair. T. B. Williamson conducted the religious services.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

The report of the Educational Board was resumed, and Judge W. C. Ratcliffe and Rev. C. C. Godden addressed the Conference in behalf of Galloway College. The report was approved by the Conference.

The report of the Board of Missions was read and adopted.

Question 31—What has been contributed for missions? \$2,153.25 for Foreign Missions, and \$1,086.95 for Domestic Missions.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read and adopted.

The committee on District Conference Journals made its report, which was adopted.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read and approved.

The report of the committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted.

The committee on Epworth Leagues presented its report, which was read and adopted.

A contribution to pay for new Annual Conference journal, and also to compensate pages, was taken.

The report of the committee on Colportage was read and adopted.

The report of the committee on the Spiritual State of the Church was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Memoirs was read and adopted.

It was moved that Conference adjourn to meet after service to-morrow night.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. J. E. Godbey.

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FIFTH DAY, NOV. 28.

EVENING SESSION.

After a sermon by Dr. J. D. Barbee, at 8 p. m., Bishop Hendrix called the Conference to order, and announced the names of deacons and elders ordained after the morning service, as follows:

Deacons—John Wesley Harper, George Granville Davidson, Thomas Jefferson Taylor and James Matthew Williams, traveling preachers, and Willie Miller Wilson, Jasper Clinton Croft and Walter F. Wayman, local preachers.

Elders—(Revs. Frank Ritter, Z. T. Bennett, H. T. Gregory and J. S. Brooke assisting in laying on of hands)—Ashby Franklin Skinner, Jefferson Davis Sibert, John Kelly Farris, Alfred Elliott Holloway and Francis Marion Smith, traveling preachers.

The bishop also announced the Joint Board of Finance, as follows: J. F. Jernigan, John Eidson, G. T. Taylor, A. M. R. Branson, N. E. Skinner, S. M. Jones, E. J. Williams, J. R. Metcalf, R. R. James, R. F. Drummond.

The bishop then read the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by the bishop.



## Condensed Minutes.



1. Who are admitted on trial? J. C. Croft, W. R. McAllister, A. E. Horton, C. L. Castleberry.
2. Who remain on trial? W. M. Wilson, E. H. Wallis, W. P. Talkington, K. R. Durham, James T. Seaton, Zebedee D. Lindsey, W. M. Findley, W. W. Gibson.
3. Who are discontinued? Drury H. Colquette, J. G. Parker.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Thos. J. Taylor, John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Herschel V. Johnson, James M. Williams, T. W. Fisackerly.
5. Who are re-admitted? None.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? A. H. Williams.
7. Who are the deacons of one year? W. B. Roe, W. B. Ricks, Fred. Little, W. E. Hall, George Wilkinson, H. E. May, E. N. Bickley, W. C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald, T. A. Bowen.
8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Thos. J. Taylor, Herschel V. Johnson, James M. Williams.
9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Thos. J. Taylor, James M. Williams.
10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Willie M. Wilson, Jasper C. Croft, Walter M. Wayman.
11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Willie M. Wilson, Jasper C. Croft, Walter M. Wayman, Henry A. Sullivan.
12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? A. F. Skinner, J. D. Sibert, J. K. Farris, A. E. Holloway, F. M. Smith.
13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? A. F. Skinner, J. D. Sibert, J. K. Farris, A. E. Holloway, F. M. Smith.
14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
16. Who are located this year? W. J. Vick.
17. Who are supernumerary? W. W. Hendrix.
18. Who are superannuated? J. C. Ritter, G. A. Dannelly, J. J. Alexander, J. D. Rutledge, W. R. Foster, F. Ritter, J. S. Watson, T. J. Settle, R. M. Manly.
19. What preachers have died during the past year? W. H. Batten.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called, one by one, and all passed except Thos. Whitaker, who, after trial by a committee, was suspended from the ministry until the next meeting of the Annual Conference.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 116; members, 25,725.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 622.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,489.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 45.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1,436.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 265.

27. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 1,641.

28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 12,924.

29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,875.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,160.70. See report of Joint Board of Finance for its application.

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$2,095.96; domestic, \$1,017.72.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$325.10.

33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$177.47.

36. What is the number of societies and the number and value of church edifices? 358 societies; 249 church edifices, valued at \$214,137.25.

37. What is the number of pastoral charges and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? 82 charges; 60 parsonages, valued at \$34,657.

38. What is the number and value of district parsonages?

39. What are the educational statistics? See report of the Board of Education.

40. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Clarendon, Arkansas.

41. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Ap-  
pointments.

## Appointments.



### HELENA DISTRICT.

J. H. DYE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Helena station.....	J. C. Brown
LaGrange circuit.....	F. C. Sterling
Marianna station.....	Z. T. Bennett
Oak Forest circuit.....	S. D. Evans
Haynes circuit.....	W. W. Anderson
Forrest City station.....	A. E. Holloway
Jericho mission.....	J. E. Buchanan, supply
Taylor's Creek circuit.....	K. R. Durham
Wynne and Vanndale.....	J. B. McDonald
McCrory circuit.....	N. E. Gardner—one to be supplied
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	A. M. R. Branson
Brinkley circuit.....	A. C. Graham, W. W. Hendrix supernumerary
Cypress Ridge circuit.....	To be supplied
Clarendon station.....	R. C. Morehead
Holly Grove circuit.....	J. K. Farris
Turner mission.....	J. K. Pope, supply
Educational secretary.....	J. C. Brown

### JONESBORO DISTRICT.

W. C. DAVIDSON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Jonesboro station.....	Frank Barrett
Nettleton circuit.....	J. W. Watson
Harrisburg circuit.....	E. N. Bickley
Cherry Valley circuit.....	J. W. Williams
Marion circuit.....	H. B. Cox, Geo. G. Davidson
Golden Lake circuit.....	E. H. Wallis
Osceola circuit.....	Fred. Little
Luxora circuit.....	Z. D. Lindsey
Blythesville circuit.....	W. B. Roe
Shiloh circuit.....	John Eidson
Lorado circuit.....	H. H. Hunt
Paragould station.....	F. A. Jeffett
Paragould circuit.....	W. M. Watson
Gainesville circuit.....	L. C. Craig
Boydsville circuit.....	T. B. Williamson
Rector circuit.....	P. B. Wallis
St. Francis circuit.....	A. C. Griffin
Buffalo Island circuit.....	To be supplied
Big Bay circuit.....	J. T. Seaton

### SEARCY DISTRICT.

S. L. COCHRAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Searcy station.....	M. M. Smith
West Searcy circuit.....	A. H. Williams
Mt. Pisgah circuit.....	H. C. Edmonson
Beebe and West Point.....	J. F. Jernigan

Beebe circuit.....	J. F. Armstrong
Stony Point circuit.....	George Wilkerson
El Paso circuit.....	E. M. Davis
Jacksonville circuit.....	W. A. Pendergrass
Mineral circuit.....	R. G. Brittain
Argenta station.....	F. E. Taylor
Bald Knob circuit.....	W. P. Talkington
Augusta station.....	H. T. Gregory
Auvergne and Weldon.....	M. B. Umsted
Union and Revell circuit.....	A. F. Skinner

#### NEWPORT DISTRICT.

J. I. MAYNARD, PRESIDING ELDER.

Newport station.....	W. B. Ricks
Jacksonport mission.....	T. W. Fisackerly
Tuckerman circuit.....	J. D. Sibert
Alicia circuit.....	S. F. Brown
Portia circuit.....	H. E. May
Walnut Ridge and Corning.....	J. M. Talkington
Knoble circuit.....	E. N. Pitts
Reno circuit.....	J. M. Thrasher
Siloam circuit.....	J. R. Edwards
Pocahontas circuit.....	T. A. Bowen
Walnut Hill mission.....	W. M. Findley
Black Rock circuit.....	W. M. Wilson
Smithville circuit.....	W. D. Ellis
Mammoth Spring and Williford.....	N. E. Skinner
Oil Trough circuit.....	R. H. Grissett
Missionary secretary—W. B. Ricks. Transferred—H. V. Johnson and J. C. Croft to St. Louis Conference; M. B. Corrigan to Little Rock Conference.	

#### BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. BROOKE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Batesville station.....	S. H. Babcock
West Batesville mission.....	I. B. Manly
Sulphur Rock circuit.....	W. F. Walker
Evening Shade and Melbourne.....	W. C. Toombs
La Cross circuit.....	F. R. Noe
Evening Shade circuit.....	C. L. Castleberry
Ash Flat circuit.....	W. W. Gibson
Calamine circuit.....	J. W. Harper
Camp circuit.....	J. D. Kelly, supply
Salem circuit.....	W. E. Hall
Viola circuit.....	C. H. Newman, supply
Iuka mission.....	W. R. McAllister
Richwoods mission.....	A. E. Horton
Mountain View circuit.....	S. W. Register
Cedar Grove mission.....	T. J. Taylor
Jamestown circuit.....	W. E. Bishop
Cushman circuit.....	F. M. Smith
Newburg circuit.....	R. C. Bland, supply

## Appendices.



### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A communication from the corresponding secretary of the General Conference Board of Education, Dr. Bingham, reports the very gratifying intelligence that throughout Southern Methodism the cause of Christian education moves forward and the "outlook is hopeful." It affords this Conference Board pleasure to be able to co-operate, in so far as is possible, with the General Board in all measures recommended by it. Therefore, in accordance with its wishes we recommend:

1st. That our pastors more generally observe "Children's Day," and on that day emphasize the matter of Christian education; thus tending toward the training up of a generation believing in and inclined to support the cause so vital to our future prosperity.

2d. That as a Conference we use all diligence to collect the \$140 assessed for the uses of the General Board, and the \$100 assessed for Paine and Lane Institute.

3d. That the first Sunday in May be set apart as a day for the preaching of a special sermon on education, as required by the Discipline, and for the taking of collections for the cause of education in all our congregations where it is at all practicable.

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

A communication from the Tennessee Conference was referred to your Board, indicating an action of recent date as embodied in the following resolution by that Conference:

Resolved, That the time has fully come when the control and ownership of Vanderbilt University should be in the General Conference, and that to this end we declare our willingness to transfer to that body all rights, title and interest we have in said University, and hereby solicit the co-operation of all the Conferences represented and the Board of Trust in securing this desirable end.

2d. That until this is accomplished we adhere to the status secured to us by contract, which gives us a controlling voice in the appointment of our representatives on the Board of Trust.

Your Board considers this action of our sister Conference a wise and timely one, and we do most heartily concur in and adopt that resolution as our own, feeling that this great institution will be in the safest and best possible hands if controlled by our General Conference.

HENDRIX COLLEGE.

President Millar, of Hendrix College, appeared before your Board in person and made an oral statement concerning the financial and other conditions of the College. In addition we had before us a written document setting forth more minutely the important details. The report given of the institution is most gratifying. An increased enrollment of nineteen over last year, an unusually regular attendance and a larger per cent. of collegiate students in attendance are among the indications of growing prosperity. Soon after the opening of the session a revival occurred, in which a number were converted, two young men yielded to a call to the ministry, and the missionary spirit was strengthened. The general religious tone of the College is reported as most excellent. Its financial condition for quite a long time has been a cause for uneasiness, but happily under a bonded indebtedness drawing a less rate of interest, and other favorable conditions, there is no immediate danger of this valuable property being diverted from the control of the church. Its present value, grounds, buildings, library, etc., is estimated at \$70,000. Number of teachers, 8; students, 153, of which 28 are ministerial and 15 children of ministers.

We regret the meagreness of our Conference collections and the small amount which has been turned over in aid of this our own College. And we recommend:

1st. A continuance of the educational assessment and a more industrious effort on the part of our pastors to collect in full their apportioned amounts for education.

2d. The re-appointment of J. T. Henderson as Trustee.

3d. We approve of the plan to readjust the debt of the College, and promise co-operation with agents and trustees toward funding its indebtedness and securing an endowment.

4th. We recommend the appointment of Rev. J. K. Farris and Hon. F. P. Laws as a visiting committee.

5th. We reiterate our endorsement of the plan of the Board of Trustees for establishing Academies correlated with the College.

6th. The financial agency of Rev. F. S. H. Johnson is endorsed, and we hope he may be able to devote his full time to the work.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

The cheerful and hopeful views entertained concerning the future of Galloway College by its president, Dr. Godden, is mat-



ter for gratulation and should give pleasure to all interested in this splendid institution. The following is his report and also that of the Board of Trustees:

The ninth annual session of Galloway College opened September 16, 1897, with a large and intelligent student body and a faculty experienced and competent.

The course of study is thorough, embracing the following departments: School of English, including Anglo-Saxon, School of Ancient Languages, School of Modern Languages, School of Mathematics, School of Physical Sciences, School of Philosophy, School of Elocution, School of Physical Culture, Schools of Art—1, Instrumental Music; 2, Vocal Music; 3, Drawing, Painting, Designing, etc.

Despite the great financial stringency that has affected the whole country, the boarding department of Galloway numbers this year 101, the total enrollment 223; while the departments of Music, Art and Elocution are well represented by classes of enthusiastic workers. The number of students taking the regular work looking to the completion of their courses is larger than ever before.

The principal features that this year commend Galloway to our people are the remarkably healthy condition of the students and faculty, the wholesome table fare, the excellence of the appointments of the home life, the superior instruction, the extensive curriculum, and last, but most important of all, the social and moral tone of the school. Strong in its prestige, especially favored in its location, Galloway College has, we believe, a future of yet wider achievement, and will always aim to stand in the front ranks of progressive education.

Our finances are yet in an unsettled condition, but we have reason to believe that they will be so shaped that we can manage them without great difficulty, especially if the church will come to the aid as she should. The College and the management not only need the financial help of the church, but also need her sympathy and interest. The bond issue is practically a failure. No headway could be made in placing the bonds, and we have ceased to make any effort in that direction. Had we been able to place the \$25,000 of bonds, as it appeared that we ought, the College would have been on a footing that would have led to a phenomenal prosperity.

We have no complaint to make, and, content to forget the past, we only look to the future. With a debt of practically \$30,000, there is no reason why the church and the College could not pay it off in a few years. We are determined by such careful management that no more debts shall be created. During the administration of President Godden every financial obligation for repairs and the running of the school has been promptly met, and the prospect is for a handsome income over and above these necessary expenditures. The College at no time in its history has so fully enjoyed the confidence of the people. The church cannot afford to be indifferent to its success.

Your Conference Board shares in the good hopes and believes in the brighter prospects of the College. The president impresses us as a "man of God," alive to his responsibility and the great work he has in hand. We endorse entirely his administration and the management of the Board of Trustees. And

further, we feel called upon to urge a greater diligence on the part of the pastors of White River Conference in assisting and sustaining by all means in their power this institution. Every pastor within our bounds should feel morally obligated to do his best toward sending one or more students to the College.

It was suggested and recommended that an entirely new Board of Trustees be elected for the White River Conference. Accordingly, the following names are presented: Lay—L. E. Moore, F. M. Daniel, Theo. Maxfield; clerical—Julien C. Brown, W. B. Ricks, Fred. Little. As a visiting committee, we suggest the names of S. F. Brown and J. M. Phelps.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER BOARD OF EDUCATION.

##### RECEIPTS.

Received on assessment .....	\$268 59
Received from collections on Children's Day .....	87 16
Total .....	\$355 75

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Hendrix College.....	\$251 26
Paid to Dr. R. J. Bingham from Children's Day collection .....	18 40
Paid to Dr. R. J. Bingham from Conference collections .....	51 10
Paid to Dr. R. J. Bingham for Paine and Lane Institutes .....	34 99
Total .....	\$355 75

##### ASSESSMENTS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

For Hendrix College .....	\$500 00
For General Board .....	140 00
For Paine and Lane Institutes .....	100 00
Total .....	\$740 00

##### APPORTIONMENT.

Helena District .....	\$160 00
Searcy District .....	160 00
Jonesboro District .....	160 00
Newport District .....	135 00
Batesville District .....	125 00
Total .....	\$740 00

A. L. MALONE, Treasurer.

S. H. BARCOCK, Chairman.

JULIEN C. BROWN, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the President and Members of White River Annual Conference:

Your board is glad to note that, although we have had both floods and drouths in the bounds of our Conference, there has

been a slight increase in our mission collections in the past year over preceding years. We would, however, call attention to the fact that, though our assessments are very small—about twenty cents per member—we are paying little more than sixty per cent. of these assessments. They could and ought to be paid in full. We fear that the chief difficulty is to be found in the lack of missionary knowledge and zeal on the part of us pastors. As a rule, missionary pastors make missionary people—“like priest, like people.” The truth is, we all need to study fully this question of the salvation of the countless millions of the heathen, to have the fire of Pentecost on our heads and in our hearts, and to drink more deeply of the spirit of Christ, that we may be thoroughly in sympathy with Him in His great work, purpose and plan of redeeming love. Then we will not be afraid to tell men of their duty and privilege in this matter, and will not be apologizing for presenting the cause, and pleading the poverty of the people as an excuse for their failure to obey the command of their Lord.

We note with great joy the bright outlook of the work in the various foreign mission fields, and the successful efforts on the part of the native churches for self-support. This surely seems to be the tide which, if taken now, will lead on to the Christianization of the world.

We offer for consideration and adoption by the Conference the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the members of the White River Conference, pledge ourselves to greater effort to create a missionary conscience and to endeavor to secure a contribution for the cause of missions from every member of our respective charges.

2d. That we preach on the subject of missions in every congregation, disseminate our missionary literature—especially the Review of Missions and the World for Christ—among the people, and begin taking our collections early in the year.

3d. That we comply as far as practicable with the Disciplinary provision for organizing our Sunday Schools into missionary societies and the holding of a missionary mass meeting in every charge.

We recommend that W. B. Ricks be re-appointed missionary secretary.

We heartily endorse and commend the splendid work of the noble women of the various missionary societies, together with the juvenile societies under their auspices, in the bounds of our Conference; and ask the preachers to encourage and help these good women in their work.

The board has had under careful review the Domestic Missions of the Conference. Our preachers serving missions bring for the most part gratifying reports. The board has helped nineteen charges, and has tried to make wise and judicious appropriations. We make the following report as to assessments and collections:

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

	ASS'D.	PAID.
Searcy District.....	\$ 800 00	\$ 473 50
Jonesboro District.....	750 00	715 09
Helena District.....	800 00	439 19
Newport District.....	600 00	246 59
Batesville District.....	550 00	218 80
Total .....	\$3500 00	\$2088 15
Anniversary collection.....		65 10
Total amount collected.....		\$2153 25
Forward to Missionary Treasurer.....		\$ 306 80
In hands of Conference Treasurer .....		1846 45

**DOMESTIC MISSIONS.**

Searcy District.....	\$ 375 00	\$ 235 16
Helena District.....	375 00	254 34
Jonesboro District.....	355 00	264 41
Newport District.....	285 00	143 22
Batesville District.....	260 00	124 84
Total .....	\$1650 00	\$1021 95
Anniversary collection.....		65 00
Total .....		\$1086 95

**Disbursed as follows:**

H. T. Raney.....	\$32 94	L. C. Craig.....	\$65 87
J. K. Pope.....	32 94	W. D. Ellis.....	65 87
W. M. Wilson.....	32 94	W. A. Downing.....	65 87
K. R. Durham.....	32 94	I. B. Manly.....	42 82
J. E. Buchanan.....	65 87	R. H. Grissett.....	32 94
J. M. Williams.....	82 34	C. F. Hirely.....	39 52
J. P. Pholin.....	32 94	A. E. Horton.....	49 41
J. G. Wimpey.....	32 94	Geo. Wilkerson.....	65 87
J. T. Seaton.....	82 34	W. P. Talkington.....	32 94
A. J. Johnson.....	65 87	S. L. Cochran.....	65 87

J. S. Brooke, \$65.87.

Foreign Missions assessed for next year.....\$3500 00

**Apportioned as follows:**

Jonesboro District.....	\$800 00	Helena District.....	\$800 00
Searcy District.....	800 00	Newport District.....	575 00
Batesville District.....	\$525.00.		

Domestic Missions assessed for next year.....\$1525 00

Apportioned as follows:

Jonesboro District.....\$350 00	Helena District.....\$350 00
Searcy District.....350 00	Newport District.....255 00
Batesville District, \$220.00.	

The appropriations for Domestic Missions for next year are as follows:

HELENA DISTRICT.

Jericho mission.....\$ 50 00	Turner mission.....\$100 00
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BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Presiding elder.....\$150 00	Cedar Grove mission.....\$100 00
Iuka mission.....100 00	West Batesville mission.....100 00
Richwoods mission, \$100.00.	

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Big Bay mission.....	\$100 00
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NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Presiding elder.....\$100 00	Walnut Hill mission.....\$150 00
Jacksonport mission.....100 00	Knoble mission.....100 00
Oil Trough mission, \$100.00.	

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Bald Knob mission.....	\$100 00
Conf. Missionary Secretary, expense of travel and correspondence	75 00
Total.....	\$1525.00.

S. L. COCHRAN, President.

W. B. RICKS, Secretary.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.**

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference, M. E. Church, South:

We respectfully submit the following report on Books and Periodicals for your consideration:

We are gratified to be able to recommend to the Conference, with great unanimity, the Christian Advocate as a church paper well worthy of a place in every Christian home of this broad land, and respectfully urge upon the members of this Conference that they will do a great work for the Master by placing it in as many homes as possible during the next Conference year.

We also commend to you, and through you to the entire church membership of this Conference, our own Conference paper, the Arkansas Methodist. It is a matter of which we should be proud that it is the third in its list of subscribers of our sixteen Conference organs, only the St. Louis and Texas Advocates

surpassing it. We recognize and commend the efforts which have been and are being made by the editor and business manager to make it a good Conference organ. We note an improved appearance of the paper and a two-fifths reduction of its advertising matter, which we are informed reduces the income from advertising \$2,000 a year, which is all the reduction they can make and continue the paper. It costs the church nothing to have this paper edited and published; in the face of which facts, we say, it is a burning shame that so few members of the church rally to its support.

We gladly endorse the Review of Missions as a first-class missionary publication. It is full of proper information, such as our people most need in the matter of arriving at a knowledge of our missionary work. To properly appreciate the missionary cause you must know of its wants, wishes and works; all of which can be obtained by reading the Review of Missions.

We suggest that all of the Sunday Schools of the Conference be urged by the pastors of the several charges to subscribe for the World for Christ. It is full of spiritual thought and should be placed in every child's hand in the entire Conference.

The Epworth Era, which has thus far failed to reach a self-supporting basis, is well worthy the attention and subscription of every Epworth Leaguer throughout the land. We cheerfully commend it to the Christian public as being a proper means or channel through which the young people of the land can be fed a spiritual food.

We most heartily commend the Methodist Review as a superior publication and worthy of a prominent place in the library of every preacher, as well as in that of every layman who can appreciate publications of such high character.

We note with pleasure the prosperity that has attended our Publishing House during the period of a financial crisis that has blasted many better financially founded institutions and wrecked many well-grounded fortunes. We heartily commend it and all of its publications as being worthy of the most liberal patronage.

We respectfully recommend Julien C. Brown, M. M. Smith and S. H. Babcock as Publishing Committee.

J. B. McDONALD, Chairman :

J. K. FARRIS,

J. W. COFFMAN,

A. F. SKINNER,

R. B. MACON, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

The Joint Board of Finance submit the following as their report:

#### BISHOPS' FUND.

Helena District .....	\$ 143 25
Jonesboro District.....	103 86
Searcy District.....	152 70
Batesville District.....	103 20
Newport District.....	89 60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 592 61</b>
Amount paid Barbee & Smith, Agents.....	\$ 592 61

#### CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Helena District .....	\$ 306 86
Jonesboro District.....	265 55
Searcy District.....	275 97
Batesville District.....	140 80
Newport District.....	171 60
Amount from Publishing House.....	330 00
Amount from Colvin Fund.....	11 75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1502 53</b>

DISBURSED TO		TO WHOM PAID	
R. M. Manly .....	\$ 75 00	W. C. Davidson	
Bro. Beasley's two children ...	75 00	T. B. Williamson	
J. C. Ritter.....	75 00	Z. T. Bennett	
G. A. Dannelly.....	75 00	Self	
W. R. Foster.....	78 50	Self	
J. J. Alexander.....	50 00	J. S. Brooke	
J. D. Rutledge.....	75 00	W. B. Roe	
Sister W. L. King.....	100 00	F. A. Jeffett	
Sister M. C. Morris.....	55 00	John Eidson	
Sister John Hall.....	15 00	C. F. Hively	
Sister E. M. Baker.....	75 00	F. A. Jeffett	
Sister Thos. Vincent.....	40 00	W. A. Pendergrass	
Sister Ben Hall.....	25 00	N. E. Skinner	
Sister Thos. Craig.....	40 00	L. C. Craig	
Sister Beulah Carlisle.....	90 00	F. A. Jeffett	
Sister D. W. Reid & 5 children	150 00	F. A. Jeffett	
Sister J. W. Patton & 3 children	159 03	Z. T. Bennett	
Sister Schaeffer & 1 child.....	50 00	F. A. Jeffett	
Sister Mary Peebles.....	50 00	F. A. Jeffett	
Sister Cora Castleberry & 2 ch'n	100 00	W. C. Davidson	
Sister H. M. Cryer.....	50 00	F. E. Taylor	
<b>Total amount expended....</b>	<b>\$1502 53</b>		

#### DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Helena District .....	\$ 31 37
Jonesboro District.....	35 48

Searcy District .....	38 25
Batesville District .....	19 48
Newport District .....	21 90

Total .....	\$146 48
Amount paid Barbee & Smith, Agents .....	\$146 48

PRINTING MINUTES.

Helena District .....	\$ 19 49
Jonesboro District .....	18 90
Searcy District .....	19 05
Batesville District .....	10 08
Newport District .....	12 45

Total .....	\$ 77 97
Amount paid to Secretary of the Conference .....	\$ 77 97

BIBLE CAUSE.

Helena District .....	\$ 53 00
Jonesboro District .....	40 75
Searcy District .....	5 15
Batesville District .....	6 90
Newport District .....	22 00

Total .....	\$127 80
Amount paid E. M. Pipkin .....	\$127 80
Total amount collected from all sources .....	\$2443 49

The following named Recording Stewards have made reports to the Board :

W. S. Blackshare, Boydsville circuit, Jonesboro District ; H. Watson, Jonesboro station, Jonesboro District ; C. W. Shaver, Evening Shade circuit, Batesville District ; C. E. Moore, Argenta station, Searcy District ; L. E. Trenstall, Salem circuit, Batesville District.

The assessments for the ensuing year are apportioned as follows :

DISTRICTS.	Conf. Claimants.	Bishops' Fund.	Delegates Gen. Conf.	Printing Minutes.
Helena .....	\$ 425 00	\$ 152 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 25 00
Jonesboro .....	375 00	141 00	22 00	24 00
Searcy .....	425 00	141 00	24 00	23 00
Batesville .....	325 00	104 00	21 00	15 00
Newport .....	325 00	105 00	21 40	15 00
Totals .....	\$1875 00	\$ 634 00	\$117 40	\$100 00

The following are claimants for the ensuing year : Bro. R. M. Manly, Bro. Beasley's two children, Bro. J. C. Ritter, Bro. G. A. Dannelly, Bro. W. R. Foster, Bro. J. J. Alexander, Bro.



J. D. Rutledge; Sisters W. L. King, M. C. Morris, John Hall, E. M. Baker, Thos. Vincent, Ben Hall, Thos. Craig, Beulah Carlisle, D. W. Reid and five children, J. W. Patton and three children, Schaeffer and one child, Mary Peebles, Cora Castleberry and two children, H. M. Cryer and three children; Bro. Frank Ritter, Bro. T. J. Settles, Bro. J. S. Watson and Sister Batten and child.

JOHN EIDSON, Chairman.

Attest: S. E. EBBERT, Secretary.

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#### REPORT ON EPWORTH LEAGUES.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

We, your committee on Epworth Leagues, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to note an increase in our League work during the past year to the extent of six additional Leagues, with 127 increase in membership, making a total of forty-five Leagues and 1,436 members. We note, further, that the increase has been chiefly in the Helena and Newport Districts.

In view of the helpfulness of the District Leagues, we recommend the organization of District Leagues in each presiding elder's district which has no such organization.

After carefully considering the communication sent us by the general secretary of our League, in which he says the ten-cent assessment plan is not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the League, we recommend that the General Conference put the entire Epworth League work in the same relation to the church which the Sunday School sustains.

We recommend, further, that the Epworth Era—which is our League organ—be commended to the members of our Leagues by our pastors, and that each League select from its members one or more agents to press the circulation of the Era among the young people of our church.

We further recommend the literary course prescribed by our League, and urge its adoption by all our Leagues.

We respectfully recommend to the consideration of all our pastors the requirements of our Discipline concerning the organization of Epworth Leagues in every charge.

W. C. DAVIDSON, Chairman.

F. BARRETT, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

Your Board is ever watchful and very careful in the distribution of the funds for the extension of the church, making donations to churches where, in our judgment, they will do the most good. It is the purpose of your Board, in so far as they are able, to "help those who help themselves."

The following amounts have been contributed by the various charges within the bounds of the Conference:

#### HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station.....	\$ 1 00	Taylor's Creek circuit.....	\$ 2 00
Marianna station.....	13 00	Wheatley circuit.....	.....
Forrest City station.....	10 00	Cypress Ridge circuit.....	.....
Clarendon station.....	12 00	Oak Forest circuit.....	.....
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	.....	Brinkley mission.....	5 50
McCrory and Wynne.....	3 00	DeView mission.....	2 00
Holly Grove circuit.....	9 00	Jericho mission.....	1 02
Haynes circuit.....	4 00	Turner mission.....	.....
LaGrange circuit.....	4 50	L'Anguille mission.....	.....
Total.....	\$67.02.		

#### SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy station.....	\$25 00	Jacksonville circuit.....	\$ 2 00
West Searcy.....	2 20	Ward mission.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah circuit.....	.....	Argenta station.....	14 10
Beebe circuit.....	2 00	Bald Knob mission.....	3 75
Beebe and West Point.....	11 25	Auvergne and Weldon.....	9 00
El Paso circuit.....	5 00	Union and Revell.....	7 50
Mineral circuit.....	2 75	Augusta station.....	5 00
Stony Point circuit.....	.....		.....
Total.....	\$89.55.		

#### JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro station.....	\$15 00	Paragould circuit.....	\$ 1 88
Nettleton circuit.....	3 00	Gainesville circuit.....	5 00
Cotton Belt mission.....	.....	Rector circuit.....	1 00
Harrisburg circuit.....	5 00	Boydsville circuit.....	.....
Vanndale circuit.....	7 50	St. Francis circuit.....	6 52
Brookland circuit.....	.....	Marion circuit.....	9 98
Big Bay circuit.....	50	Golden Lake circuit.....	5 63
Shiloh circuit.....	5 25	Osceola station.....	9 00
Lorado circuit.....	1 00	Osceola circuit.....	2 00
Paragould station.....	15 00	Blythesville circuit.....	4 00
Buffalo Island circuit.....	.....		.....
Total.....	\$97.26.		

#### BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville station.....	\$17 50	Salem circuit.....	\$ 2 50
Central Avenue.....	3 15	Indian Camp circuit.....	.....
Oil Trough mission.....	.....	Ash Flat circuit.....	.....

Cedar Grove circuit.....	1 00	Evening Shade circuit.....	1 00
Mountain View circuit.....		Cushman circuit.....	2 00
Richwoods mission .....		Jamestown circuit.....	
Inka mission .....		Melbourne circuit .....	1 00
Newburg circuit.....		La Crosse circuit.....	2 00
Viola circuit.....	75	Sulphur Rock circuit .....	7 85
Calamine circuit.....			
Total.....		\$38.75.	

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station .....	\$13 00	Siloam circuit .....	\$ .....
Jacksonport station .....	1 00	Pocahontas circuit.....	
Tuckerman circuit.....	1 10	Walnut Hill mission.....	
Alicia circuit.....	2 50	Black Rock circuit.....	
Portia circuit.....	3 50	Imboden circuit.....	2 00
Walnut Ridge and Pocahontas	5 00	Mammoth Spring & Williford	2 00
Corning circuit.....	2 40	Sedgwick mission .....	
Reyno circuit.....			
Total.....		\$32.50.	

RECAPITULATION.

Helena District.....	\$ 67 02
Searcy District .....	89 55
Jonesboro District.....	97 26
Batesville District .....	38 75
Newport District .....	32 50
Total .....	<u>\$325 08</u>

APPORTIONMENT.

Parent Board .....	\$162 55
Home Board.....	162 53

DONATIONS.

To Second Church, North Jonesboro.....	\$ 81 25
To Haygood Memorial, West Searcy.....	81 25
Postage.....	05
Total .....	<u>\$162 55</u>

ASSESSMENT FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Helena District .....	\$150 00
Searcy District .....	150 00
Jonesboro District .....	150 00
Batesville District .....	100 00
Newport District .....	100 00
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Total .....	\$650 00

F. A. JEFFETT, President.  
N. E. GARDNER, Secretary.

**REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

Your Sunday School Board beg leave to submit the following report:

We are glad to state that there is an increase in the number of schools and scholars, and that the collections for literature and the cause of missions are much better. There is room for improvement, however, as there is still much work to be done. We believe that the hour has come when we should realize the great opportunities that are before us and the magnitude of the work which we are called to do. Our literature is of the very best, and, from the report of the General Board, we find a large increase in its circulation. The Sunday School Magazine has a circulation of 37,000. Its very high merit entitles it to a place in every Methodist home.

The General Board is seeking to prepare a complete directory of pastors and people, which will be helpful to all concerned.

There seems to be a more general observance of Children's Day, but so long as there is a charge that does not observe it as the Discipline directs, we are sadly derelict. Of the eighty-eight charges in the Conference, only thirty-four have made any report to this Board. We understand that some of the charges have included the money raised on Children's Day in their report on the collections ordered by the Conference. Others have forwarded money to the General Board and have failed to report to us. The result is, the report of this Board will not correspond with the report of the statistical secretary. From the charges reporting we have received \$184.83. Of this amount \$18.40 has been paid to A. L. Malone, Treasurer Conference Board of Education. The same amount will be forwarded to the General Sunday School Board at Nashville. After providing for needy Sunday Schools we have a balance of \$137.52, one-half of which we have paid to A. L. Malone, and the other half will be forwarded to Nashville. While we have not done what we should, it will be seen that the amount raised on Children's Day this year is quite an increase over last year. We urge upon the pastors and Sunday Schools a more general and faithful observance of this day.

N. E. SKINNER, Chairman.

T. B. WILLIAMSON, Sec'y and Treas.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of White River Conference:

Your committee, to whom was referred the cause of Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

There have been more drunkenness and crime during this year than last, caused, no doubt, by the legislature's repealing the special act and the opening of saloons in several of the leading towns within the bounds of the White River Conference. We regret to say that the repeal of the aforesaid law and the opening of saloons are due in a large measure to many professed followers of the Lord Jesus going over to the enemy. This ought not be the case. It is the duty of every Christian to use his influence in selecting men to office who will promote the cause of Temperance and who favor good government.

We are unalterably opposed to the liquor business, and would urge our preachers and people to give no uncertain sound when they shall have opportunity to speak. Let us use all possible diligence in putting down this great evil.

We desire to commend Bro. Babcock and others for the splendid fight they made in trying to prevent the repeal of the three-mile law by the last legislature.

R. C. MOREHEAD, Chairman.

S. F. BROWN, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

We, your committee on Bible Cause, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recognize in the American Bible Society an enterprise which is doing an incalculable good, furnishing the different peoples of the earth with the word of God in their own tongue. Our support of this worthy cause cannot be too hearty.

We find that \$177.47 has been raised by this Conference the present year for the support of this Society, a decrease of \$19.65 from last year.

We recommend the prayerful consideration of this cause to all our people.

We recommend, further, that the pastors of the various charges present to their congregations the claims of this Society and use all possible diligence in securing contributions thereto.

E. M. DAVIS, Chairman.

T. A. BOWEN, Secretary.

### REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

Your committee on the Spiritual State of the Church offer the following:

We look upon Methodism as an organization the essential element of which is spirituality—a feature which has characterized our church from the beginning and which has been transmitted to us by our fathers—and we purpose to maintain this element until the end of time. The result of this year's labors, 1,219 accessions, makes us hopeful that we are still faithful to our trust. We feel it not out of place to say here that there is no force the church can set on foot that can ever accomplish the work which the spirituality of our great brotherhood can accomplish. Here lies our personal experience, and when we drift from this we are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Believing and feeling that God will continue to bless us, enlarge our borders and lead us on till life shall end and then crown us heirs of the inheritance He has for us, we request each pastor to hold a revival in his charge, if at all suitable, in the next month. Our reason for this is that Satan holds his meetings from one year to the next; and in this the children of his world are wiser than the children of light.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN, Chairman;

D. H. CLARK.

JOHN M. KERR,

W. C. DAVIDSON.

M. B. UMSTED.

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### REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Your committee on Colportage beg leave to make the following report:

It gives us pleasure to speak in behalf of our Colporters, Godbey & Thornburgh. They have sold during the year \$7,617.-01 worth of books and periodicals, or \$798.01 more than last year, at a net profit of \$632.19. Considering their small profits, we would urge all our preachers and people to buy their publications of them. They have constantly on hand a large supply of books and periodicals from our Publishing House—just such reading matter as should be in every Methodist home within the bounds of the White River Conference. It is the duty of all our preachers, as far as practicable, to become the agents of our

branch house at Little Rock and put our literature into Methodist homes, subserving the largest interests of our church thereby. We want an intelligent, a consecrated and aggressive membership in all of our churches, and we know of no better way to secure it than by putting good literature into the hands of the people. In selling the books, etc., handled by Godbey & Thornburgh we are at the same time serving the interests of our Publishing House at Nashville.

We recommend the re-election of Godbey & Thornburgh as Colporters of the White River Conference.

A. C. GRAHAM, Chairman ;  
E. N. PITTS,  
N. E. GARDNER.

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**REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.**

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference :

We, your committee on District Conference Journals, beg leave to submit the following report :

The Helena District Record has been carefully kept, in regard to fullness and neatness of record, but we object to the use of so much red ink.

The Jonesboro District Record is not only neatly, but faultlessly kept, and the secretary is worthy of commendation.

The Searcy District Record is well kept; we find no fault with it.

The Batesville District Record is well kept, with the exception of a few interlineations.

The Newport District Record has some slight blurring and interlining; otherwise we have no criticisms on same.

N. E. SKINNER,  
S. M. JONES,  
T. J. ELLIS,  
W. H. ROSA,  
R. B. MACON.

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference :

Your committee on Conference Relations make the following recommendations :

1st. That Brothers Frank Ritter, J. S. Watson and T. J. Settles be granted the superannuated relation, and that Brothers

R. M. Manly, Jno. C. Ritter, Geo. A. Dannelly, J. J. Alexander, J. D. Rutledge and W. R. Foster be continued in the superannuated relation.

2d. That W. W. Hendrix be continued in the supernumerary relation.

W. A. PENDERGRASS, Chairman.

FRED. LITTLE, Secretary.

#### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF MISSIONS—S. L. Cochran, P. B. Wallis, F. R. Noe, W. B. Ricks, M. B. Corrigan, R. R. James, J. S. Brooke, W. D. Brooks.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION—S. H. Babcock, A. M. R. Branson, J. K. Farris, A. L. Malone, R. C. Morehead, R. S. Thompson, L. E. Moore, J. C. Brown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—T. B. Williamson, T. A. Bowen, N. E. Skinner, W. L. Jefferies, W. J. Henderson.

BOARD OF COLPORTAGE—A. C. Graham, E. N. Pitts, N. E. Gardner.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—J. F. Jernigan, G. T. Taylor, A. M. R. Branson, R. R. James, E. J. Williams, N. E. Skinner, J. R. Metcalf, John Eidson, Rob Drummond, S. M. Jones.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES—On Trial: Z. T. Bennett, J. I. Maynard, E. M. Davis. First Year: F. A. Jeffett, W. A. Pendergrass, F. E. Taylor. Second Year: J. C. Brown, W. W. Anderson, S. F. Brown. Third Year: P. B. Wallis, F. R. Noe, M. B. Umsted. Fourth Year: S. H. Babcock, S. L. Cochran, A. C. Graham.

VISITING COMMITTEES—To Hendrix College: J. K. Farris, F. P. Laws. To Galloway College: S. F. Brown, J. M. Phelps.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS METHODIST—M. M. Smith, Julien C. Brown, S. H. Babcock.

TRUSTEES FOR HENDRIX COLLEGE—A. M. R. Branson, R. R. James, M. M. Smith, A. L. Malone, Z. T. Bennett, J. T. Henderson.

TRUSTEES FOR GALLOWAY COLLEGE—J. C. Brown, Fred Little, W. B. Ricks, L. E. Moore, Theo Maxfield, F. M. Daniel.

TRUSTEES OF CONFERENCE FUND—J. T. Henderson, Ransom Gulley, M. M. Smith, M. F. Collier.



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Dec 1894. Died Sep 26, 1898*

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## IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM HENRY BATTEN.

WILLIAM HENRY BATTEN was born in Henry county, Tennessee, Sept. 11, 1853; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1872, under the ministry of Rev. James Richardson in Decatur county, Tenn. He was married to Mary A. Curtiss Sept. 12, 1873. From this union there were born nine children, eight of whom preceded the father to the Land of Rest. Brother Batten was licensed to preach Sept. 17, 1886, by the Quarterly Conference of the Clinton Circuit of the Memphis Conference. In October, 1887, he moved to Missouri and supplied the Clarkton and Malden charge, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, where many were added to the church under his ministry. In 1888 he served the Poplar Bluff Circuit, in 1889 the McDonald Circuit, and in 1890-91 the Gatewood Circuit. In 1895 Brother Batten transferred to the White River Conference and was assigned to the Beebe Circuit, where he did a most wonderful work: more than 100 souls were converted under his ministry during the year. In 1897 he was sent to Mt. Pisgah Circuit. During the year he attended the Camp Meeting at Beebe, where he received the assurance of the abiding presence of the Lord, or, as he termed it, "Full salvation." He did not believe in the removal of the Adamic nature through sanctification. He was not an extremist in anything.

The year on the Mt. Pisgah Circuit was in many respects a hard one. Brother Batten's health was failing and the demands of the work were too great for his declining strength. Sickness prevented him from holding his protracted meetings. He tried three times to hold one of them, but was unable to do so. After partially regaining his strength he commenced his meeting at New Hope Church, where, after preaching four sermons, he was again taken sick, and on Tuesday returned home. In a few days congestion set up and after a short time he passed over the last river.

To his wife and only child he said: "I am leaving you in the hands of the Lord." He frequently shouted the praises of the Lord. Again he would say: "The whole earth is filled with angels clothed in garments of white." Then he would clap his hands, saying: "Praise the Lord!" On Sunday, Sept. 26, the last day of his earthly life, at about 12 o'clock, he opened his eyes, threw up his hands and shouted, "Hallelujah!" and died in a few moments. Thus William Henry Batten passed away. He fell at his post. One of our best and purest men has gone. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn their loss.

Faithful in life and strong in death, he has left our ranks here to join the ranks of the brethren and loved ones above.

R. G. BRITTAIX, Chairman.

W. W. ANDERSON, Secretary.

# Membership, Baptisms and Church Property==1897.

## JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	No. Local Preachers.	No. White Members.	Total Members this year.	Total Members last year.	Additions on Professions of Faith.	Additions by Certificate and otherwise.	Removals by Death.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. Churches.	No. Societies.	Buildings.	Value of churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value Other Church Property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
Jonesboro station.....	2	181	483	493	57	35	102	21	35	1	1		\$ 2200 00	2	\$ 2200 00	\$ 500 00	\$ 857 00
Nettleton et.....	3	452	455	173	96	116	27	19	100	3	2		1200 00	1	332 00	.....	.....
Harrisburg et.....	1	543	541	513	42	3	14	10	22	6	5		3200 00	1	300 00	.....	.....
Vanndale et.....	2	443	445	591	91	23	21	27	56	4	3		2800 00	1	450 00	.....	349 25
Marion et.....	1	257	258	228	21	6	2	5	19	4	3		3000 00	1	100 00	87 50	.....
Marion et—1st Jr. P.....		85	85	.....	14	8	7	9	15	5	1		350 00		.....	.....	.....
Cotton Belt mission.....		86	86	268	4	6	9	..	2	3	1		200 00		.....	.....	3 50
Shiloh et.....	1	719	720	561	115	71	25	5	98	8	6		2850 00	1	250 00	.....	.....
Gainesville et.....	1	656	657	637	27	17	24	12	15	5	5		3000 00	1	100 00	.....	10 00
Rector et.....		310	310	246	33	13	24	4	20	4	3		1500 00		.....	110 00	.....
Boydsville et.....	3	294	297	326	16	13	20	12	13	6	4	1-2	2600 00		.....	100 00	4 00
St. Francis et.....		327	327	295	16	28	12	8	19	6	4		2500 00	1	600 00	.....	500 00
Golden Lake et.....		100	100	91	2	7	6	10	..	3	2		1600 00	1	500 00	100 00	522 50
Osceola station.....		94	94	94	3	2	5	..	2	1	1		400 00		.....	50 00	50 00
Osceola et.....		310	310	300	8	32	9	19	28	1	1		1500 00	1	500 00	100 00	376 80
Blythesville et.....	2	719	721	620	23	42	13	12	39	7	4		2450 00	1	250 00	360 00	92 00
Buffalo Island et.....	3	233	236	217	40	12	..	9	16	5	1		750 00		.....	.....	.....
Big Bay mission.....	1	152	153	184	23	24	8	12	12	5	3		1300 00		.....	19 00	20 00
Lorado et.....	1	549	550	492	75	23	37	3	35	7	4		1400 00	1	300 00	39 00	.....
Paragould station.....		444	444	384	50	40	33	..	34	1	1		10500 00		.....	.....	350 00
Paragould et.....	1	776	777	730	67	6	15	33	11	6	5		3600 00	1	800 00	100 00	20 00
Main Shore et.....		145	145	....	..	..	..	18	19	1	1		500 00		.....	.....	36 25
Total.....	22	8205	8227	7395	826	527	413	248	630	96	60	1-2	\$ 52500 00	14	\$ 6982 00	\$ 1577 50	\$ 3191 30
Total last year.....	24	7371	7395	.....	521	516	711	176	466	101	63	1-2	50400 00	12	5800 00	1030 00	3676 95
Increase.....		834	832	.....	305	11	..	72	173	..	..	..	2100 00	2	1182 00	547 50	.....
Decrease.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	298	..	..	5	3	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	485 65

# HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station.....	.	170	170	156	4	15	..	6	.	1	1	\$	20000 00	..	\$	.....	\$	.....		
Forrest City station.....	1	185	186	196	6	15	26	2	2	1	1	\$	5000 00	1	\$	800 00	.....	800 00		
Marianna station.....	.	144	144	149	1	8	4	3	1	1	1	\$	3000 00	1	\$	1300 00	.....	125 00		
Clarendon station.....	.	138	138	135	13	14	7	1	3	1	1	\$	2350 00	1	\$	1200 00	.....	141 00		
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	.	178	178	170	11	..	3	7	8	2	2	\$	6000 00	1	\$	1000 00	.....	7 00		
Holly Grove et.....	.	125	125	190	9	3	12	..	3	3	3	\$	2000 00	1	\$	500 00	.....	100 00		
Haynes et.....	1	209	219	348	12	24	86	14	11	5	5	\$	2200 00	1	\$	600 00	.....	927 00		
LaGrange et.....	.	210	219	170	19	31	10	11	9	4	4	\$	2000 00	1	\$	500 00	.....	135 45		
McCrory and Wynne.....	2	339	332	312	10	10	..	3	10	2	2	\$	4500 00	1	\$	700 00	.....	.....		
Taylor's Creek et.....	.	336	336	414	15	4	20	6	12	5	3	\$	1500 00	1	\$	700 00	.....	.....		
DeView mission.....	2	280	282	300	11	16	25	4	18	4	3	\$	1350 00	1	\$	400 00	30 00	5 30		
Brinkley mission.....	2	109	111	89	17	21	3	10	17	1	1	\$	5000 00	..	\$	.....	.....	148 00		
Wheatley et.....	.	242	242	255	5	4	6	1	..	5	3	\$	1300 00	1	\$	350 00	.....	5 00		
Oak Forest et.....	.	265	265	274	2	5	16	1	1	6	2	\$	1400 00	..	\$	.....	10 00	.....		
Cypress Ridge et.....	.	219	219	169	4	5	4	5	3	5	2	\$	950 00	1	\$	150 00	65 00	.....		
Turner mission.....	.	157	157	158	..	4	5	..	1	4	2	\$	1000 00	..	\$	.....	.....	.....		
Jericho mission.....	1	136	137	..	14	19	3	17	8	..	..	\$	.....	..	\$	.....	.....	.....		
L'Anguille mission.....	.	83	83	..	7	2	10	..	2	2	1	\$	150 00	..	\$	.....	200 00	.....		
Total.....	9	3597	3516	3177	190	191	240	91	109	51	36	\$	58700 00	12	\$	8200 00	\$	305 00	\$	2393 75
Total last year.....	9	3463	3477	.....	525	275	212	112	379	59	34 5-6	\$	60500 00	12	\$	8975 00	1030 50	.....	3220 50	
Increase.....	..	39	39	.....	..	..	28	..	..	1	1 1-6	\$	.....	..	\$	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Decrease.....	..	..	..	.....	335	84	..	21	261	..	..	\$	1800 00	..	\$	775 00	725 50	.....	826 75	

# NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station.....	.	204	204	192	12	26	28	24	8	1	2	\$	9000 00	1	\$	2500 00	\$	.....	\$	5100 00
Walnut Ridge and Pocahontas.....	1	141	142	149	..	1	18	1	..	2	2		2500 00	1		800 00				50 00
Mammoth Spring and Williford.....	1	163	164	188	8	7	37	8	4	3	1		1500 00	1		800 00				53 10
Corning et.....	3	148	151	143	9	7	6	..	..	2	2		1837 00	1		600 00				..
Portia et.....	1	556	557	491	103	9	49	14	36	5	3		1600 00	1		400 00	10 00			100 00
Tuckerman et.....	.	415	415	680	20	7	265	15	70	3	2		1150 00	1		600 00	350 00			400 00
Black Rock et.....	3	212	215	313	..	16	8	..	1	4	4		2800 00	2		800 00	160 00			25 00
Imboden et.....	1	494	495	288	2	11	15	1	1	6	6		2300 00	1		250 00				35 00
Reyno et.....	2	255	257	185	77	12	21	3	33	5	2		1500 00	..		.....	100 00			30 60
Alicia et.....	2	535	537	248	277	3	11	89	186	7	1		500 00	1		170 00				20 00
Siloam et.....	1	592	506	430	61	35	39	5	44	4	4		1500 00	1		150 00	101 00			34 00
Pocahontas et.....	3	287	290	337	19	6	12	3	1	5	5		1850 00	1		400 00				.....
Walnut Hill mission.....	3	185	188	177	24	3	18	5	24	3	2		275 00	1		150 00	10 00			.....
Jacksonport mission.....	.	53	53	82	4	5	38	..	1	4	1		500 00	..		.....				10 00
Sedgwick mission.....	.	64	61	...	8	..	2	..	5	5	..		..	..		.....				.....
Total.....	24	4124	4148	3897	627	148	558	159	414	59	37	\$	28812 00	13	\$	7620 00	\$	731 00	\$	5557 70
Total last year.....	22	3875	3897	.....	520	223	292	105	473	59	35 1-2		21975 00	12	\$	7790 00		185 00		3145 15
Increase.....	2	249	251	.....	107	.....	266	54	.....	.....	1 1-2		6837 00	1	.....	.....		546 00		712 55
Decrease.....						75			59							170 00				

# Membership, Baptisms and Church Property==1897.

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## BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	No. Local Preachers.	No. White Members.	Total Members this year.	Total Members last year.	Additions on Protes- sions of Faith.	Additions by Certifi- cate and otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certificate & oth- erwise.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. Churches		Value of Churches..	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages	Value Other Church Property.	Money expended for Churches and Par- sonages.
										Societies	Buildings					
Batesville station.....	.	255	255	255	4	15	19	2	4	1	1	\$ 6000 00	1	\$ 1500 00	\$	\$ 144 00
West Batesville mission.....	.	173	173	165	19	5	10	5	9	3	3	1450 00	1	400 00	.....	40 00
Sulphur Rock et.....	6	603	609	558	65	9	22	5	52	6	5	2175 00	1	300 00	.....	251 00
Jamestown et.....	1	291	292	303	6	2	34	2	5	4	3	1290 00	1	500 00	.....	70 00
Cedar Grove et.....	3	267	270	545	11	2	23	1	7	6	3	1000 00	1	150 00	.....	2 00
Cushman et.....	1	269	270	387	7	..	30	2	7	4	4	2300 00	1	450 00	.....	45 75
Oil Trough mission.....	2	247	249	179	14	76	7	4	12	5	3	500 00	1	230 00	.....	30 00
Melbourne et.....	1	209	210	235	8	4	11	1	..	4	4	2800 00	1	600 00	.....	35 00
Laeross et.....	1	177	178	182	..	2	4	..	..	5	3	1200 00	..	.....	100 00	385 00
Newburg et.....	6	470	476	332	14	26	21	10	10	8	5	2900 00	..	.....	.....	355 00
Iuka mission.....	3	238	241	245	13	14	30	3	13	5	2	300 00	..	.....	50 00	.....
Mountain View et.....	4	284	288	295	6	7	20	2	6	4	2 1-2	1200 00	1	500 00	25 00	28 35
Richwoods mission.....	..	97	97	50	2	22	2	..	..	5	4	500 00	..	.....	.....	.....
Evening Shade et.....	3	366	369	375	..	3	4	2	1	4	4	1800 00	1	300 00	.....	9 50
Salem et.....	2	250	252	253	2	4	7	3	2	4	4	1650 25	1	375 00	.....	112 25
Indian Camp et.....	1	177	178	183	7	2	14	5	2	4	3	900 00	1	150 00	.....	.....
Viola et.....	3	344	347	344	7	6	10	..	7	7	4	600 00	..	.....	26 00	.....
Calamine et.....	1	222	223	250	20	2	22	13	10	6	3	1200 00	1	300 00	.....	.....
Ash Flat et.....	5	290	295	301	38	6	6	7	23	6	4	1000 00	1	150 00	.....	40 00
Total.....	43	5329	5372	5337	243	207	302	67	170	91	61 1-2	\$ 30675 25	14	\$ 5905 00	\$ 201 00	\$ 1547 85
Total last year.....	52	5285	5337	.....	362	298	730	87	243	83	68 1-4	30230 00	15	6015 00	275 00	2051 00
Increase.....	..	44	35	.....	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	445 25	..	..	..	..
Decrease.....	9	.....	.....	.....	119	1	428	20	73	..	3 3-4	.....	1	110 00	174 00	503 15

# SEARCY DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	No. Local Preachers.	No. White Members.	Total Members this year.	Total Members last year.	Additions on Professions of Faith.	Additions by Certificate and otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certificate & otherwise.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. Churches		Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value Other Church Property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
										Societies.	Buildings.					
Searcy station.....	.	395	395	429	4	6	30	6	.	1	1	\$ 7000 00	1	\$ 2500 00	\$	\$ 210 00
Augusta station.....	.	104	104	118	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	490 00	1	1200 00	.....	150 00
Argenta station.....	1	211	212	142	46	32	30	6	14	1	1	3500 00	1	890 00	.....	770 00
Auvergne and Weldon.....	.	185	185	145	45	9	13	4	19	4	4	2800 00	.	.....	.....	195 00
Beebe and West Point.....	.	221	221	221	10	14	24	.	5	2	2	2100 00	1	500 00	.....	10 00
Union and Revell.....	1	206	207	245	57	12	20	7	37	4	2	2000 00	1	200 00	.....	25 00
Jacksonville ct.....	.	384	384	429	8	20	57	3	6	5	5	3800 00	.	.....	.....	.....
Beebe ct.....	4	428	432	533	23	4	42	12	14	7	4	2200 00	.	.....	.....	.....
El Paso ct.....	.	431	431	344	6	9	7	.	6	4	4	1600 00	1	250 00	18 50	.....
Mineral ct.....	2	441	443	385	6	3	35	3	5	5	5	3000 00	1	500 00	.....	3 00
Mt. Pisgah ct.....	1	444	445	497	15	7	7	7	16	5	5	1600 00	.	.....	.....	.....
West Searcy ct.....	1	277	278	282	4	4	15	.	.	5	4 1-2	2900 00	.	.....	.....	6 00
Stony Point ct.....	5	417	422	407	23	16	11	2	9	8	7	3400 00	.	.....	.....	.....
Bald Knob mission.....	1	186	187	166	7	19	5	1	12	3	3	2700 00	.	.....	.....	117 50
Ward mission.....	2	230	232	272	7	5	22	6	13	6	2 1-2	850 00	.	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	18	4560	4578	4516	262	164	319	57	157	61	51	43450 00	7	5950 00	18 50	1486 50
Total last year.....	28	4488	4516	.....	493	214	379	123	320	57	48 3-4	41006 00	7	7200 00	375 00	3309 72
Increase.....	..	72	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2 1-4	2444 00	..	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	10	.....	.....	.....	231	77	60	66	63	.....	.....	.....	..	1250 00	356 50	1823 22

## RECAPITULATION.

Jonesboro District.....	22	8295	8227	7395	526	527	413	248	639	96	60 1-2	\$ 52500 00	14	\$ 6982 00	\$1577 50	\$ 3191 30
Helena District.....	9	3507	3516	3477	199	191	249	91	109	51	36	58700 00	12	8290 00	305 00	2393 75
Newport District.....	21	4124	4148	3897	627	148	558	159	414	59	37	28812 00	13	7620 00	731 00	5857 70
Batesville District.....	43	5329	5372	5337	243	207	302	67	170	91	64 1-2	30675 25	14	5905 00	201 00	1547 85
Searcy District.....	18	4560	4578	4516	262	164	319	57	157	61	51	43450 00	7	5950 00	18 50	1486 50
Total.....	116	25725	25841	24612	2148	1237	1832	622	1489	358	249	\$214137 25	60	\$34657 00	\$2833 00	\$14477 10
Total last year.....	135	24487	24622	23667	2421	1463	2314	603	1872	349	250 3-5	204111 00	58	35780 00	2895 50	15493 32
Increase.....	..	1238	1219	945	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	9	.....	10025 25	2	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	19	.....	.....	.....	273	226	482	.....	383	.....	1 3-5	.....	..	1123 00	62 50	926 22

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## JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	No. Leagues	No. League Members	No. S. Sch's	No. Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars	Amt. collect- ed for Sun- day Sch's	Amt. collect- ed for Mis- sions	Amt. collect- ed for Chil- dren's Day	Amt. collect- ed for Oth- er Objects	Total Amt. Raised
Jonesboro station.....	2	80	1	28	292	\$ 145 80	\$ 47 55	\$ 14 65	\$ 85 00	\$ 208 00
Nettleton et.....	2	65	2	20	200	100 60	10 11	4 00		199 80
Harrisburg et.....			3	44	458	44 40		3 25		47 68
Vanndale et.....	1	45	2	11	153	25 77		10 71		36 48
Marion et.....	1	40	4	39	200	40 00		9 60	25 00	74 00
Marion et—1st Jr. P.....			7	32	175	17 00				17 00
Cotton Belt mission.....			1	7	86			3 60		3 00
Shiloh et.....			8	58	468	48 49			66 85	115 34
Gainesville et.....			6	48	300	32 00				32 00
Rector et.....			2		12	9 00				9 00
Boydsville et.....			5	20	200	17 68		2 00		19 68
St. Francis et.....	1	20	4	25	185	23 00		6 72		29 72
Golden Lake et.....			2	9	34	21 75				21 75
Osceola station.....			1	7	42	50 00				50 00
Osceola et.....			2	11	90	14 00		9 00		23 00
Blythesville et.....			5	35	301	24 84		8 30		33 14
Buffalo Island et.....			2	10	120	3 40				3 40
Big Bay mission.....			5	35	175	10 00		2 30	20 00	32 30
Lorado et.....			7	22	300	22 00		1 30		23 30
Paragould station.....			1	19	185	90 00		5 00		95 00
Paragould et.....			6	30	300	20 00				20 00
Main Shore et.....			3	8	60	6 00				6 00
Total.....	7	250	81	518	4336	765 82	57 66	79 26	196 85	1099 59
Total last year.....	7	264	83	507	4267	825 30	97 25	73 51	245 27	1241 33
Increase.....				11	69			5 75		
Decrease.....		14	2			59 48	39 59		48 42	141 74

## HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station.....	1	20	1	20	150	\$ 143 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$ 193 00
Forrest City station.....	2	75	1	16	140	56 65		5 00		61 65
Marianna station.....	2	51	1	12	67	68 28			246 20	314 57
Clarendon station.....	1	23	1	12	79	38 00			50 00	88 00
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	1	35	2	13	100	45 70		5 50		51 20
Holly Grove et.....	1	31	3	24	95	75 00			10 00	85 00
Haynes et.....			5	22	98	10 60		10 00		20 60
LaGrange et.....			2	16	75	50 70			311 25	341 95
McCrory and Wynne.....	2	68	2	13	150	7 00		7 17		7 00
Taylor's Creek et.....			6	30	220	25 00		2 00		27 00
DeView mission.....	1	20	4	20	185	10 00		2 90		12 90
Brinkley mission.....	2	50	1	13	75	27 84	1 97	2 75		32 56
Wheatley et.....	1	30	3	15	130	18 00			6 00	24 00
Oak Forest et.....			6	20	175	12 00				12 00
Cypress Ridge et.....			5	22	130	10 00				10 00
Turner mission.....			1	5	40	3 85		5 10		8 95
Jericho mission.....			4	16	115	3 86		3 86		7 72
L'Angeuille mission.....			1	5	27	2 50				2 50
Total.....	14	412	49	294	2051	587 98	51 97	44 28	623 54	1309 69
Total last year.....	9	315	41	278	2145	679 04	78 75	23 60	275 10	1056 49
Increase.....	5	97	8	16				20 68	251 56	244 11
Decrease.....					94	81 06	26 78			

## NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station.....	2	85	1	21	150	86 00	21 50	4 50	8 00	120 00
Walnut Ridge & Pocahontas..	2	41	2	18	100	30 00				30 00
Mammoth Spring & Williford			3	16	130	57 61	38 72	9 00		105 33
Corning et.....	1		2	29	182	64 74	34 00			98 74
Portia et.....			4	30	250	25 00		1 00		26 00
Tuckerman et.....	2	66	3	12	125	11 50			5 50	17 00
Black Rock et.....	1	25	3	18	120	42 50			16 80	59 30

**NEWPORT DISTRICT---CONTINUED.**

Name of Charge.	No. Leagues	No. League Members	No. N. Sch's	No. Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars	Amt. collect- ed for Sun- day Sch's	Amt. collect- ed for Mis- sions	Amt. collect- ed on Chil- dren's Day	Amt. collect- ed for Oth- er Objects	Total Amt. Raised
Imboden ct.....	1	29	4	22	279	11 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Reyno ct.....	1	29	3	20	133	35 53	.....	4 50	.....	40 03
Alicia ct.....	1	29	4	40	259	20 00	.....	85	.....	20 85
Siloam ct.....	1	29	2	10	45	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Pocahontas ct.....	1	29	3	13	150	4 00	.....	2 00	.....	6 00
Walnut Hill mission.....	1	29	2	5	40	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Jacksonport mission.....	1	29	2	14	80	6 50	.....	.....	4 00	10 50
Sedgwick mission.....	1	29	1	4	35	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Total.....	9	237	39	272	2060	405 13	94 22	21 85	34 30	555 50
Total last year.....	5	134	40	293	2070	383 83	116 40	19 10	52 00	571 33
Increase.....	4	103	.....	.....	.....	21 30	.....	2 75	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	1	21	10	.....	22 18	.....	17 70	15 83

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT.**

Batesville station.....	1	60	1	14	125	55 73	56 27	9 00	32 75	153 75
West Batesville mission.....	1	60	1	7	60	15 00	.....	2 80	.....	17 80
Sulphur Rock ct.....	1	60	3	18	170	10 60	.....	.....	20 50	31 10
Jamestown ct.....	1	60	7	7	40	6 09	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Cedar Grove ct.....	1	60	3	19	115	3 50	.....	1 50	.....	5 00
Cushman ct.....	1	60	4	27	181	13 74	.....	5 09	.....	18 83
Oil Trough mission.....	1	60	2	15	110	8 10	.....	3 09	.....	11 10
Melbourne ct.....	1	60	3	10	100	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Laecross ct.....	1	60	3	15	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newburg ct.....	1	60	4	13	132	2 30	.....	.....	.....	2 30
Mountain View ct.....	1	60	3	16	180	14 30	.....	2 25	4 00	20 55
Evening Shade ct.....	1	60	1	9	85	24 56	.....	7 92	.....	32 48
Salem ct.....	1	60	3	18	145	17 75	.....	.....	.....	17 75
Indian Camp ct.....	1	60	2	10	110	5 05	.....	.....	.....	5 05
Viola ct.....	1	60	2	8	75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Ash Flat ct.....	1	60	4	26	215	12 80	.....	.....	.....	12 80
Total.....	2	75	46	232	1943	199 43	56 27	31 56	57 25	344 51
Total last year.....	2	55	44	245	1959	232 13	.....	25 64	18 78	276 55
Increase.....	.....	20	2	.....	.....	.....	56 27	5 92	38 47	67 96
Decrease.....	.....	.....	13	16	.....	32 70	.....	.....	.....	.....

**SEARCY DISTRICT.**

Searcy station.....	1	100	1	30	280	114 00	38 67	7 85	.....	160 52
Augusta station.....	1	50	1	10	100	100 00	5 00	.....	200 00	305 00
Argenta station.....	1	37	3	24	150	60 00	25 00	10 00	.....	95 00
Auvergne and Weldon.....	1	37	3	21	107	28 00	.....	21 00	6 50	55 50
Beebe and West Point.....	2	35	2	22	160	62 55	.....	2 90	8 00	73 45
Union and Revell.....	1	25	4	22	170	19 30	.....	2 80	2 00	24 10
Jacksonville ct.....	3	90	4	28	164	27 10	.....	.....	.....	27 10
Beebe ct.....	1	25	9	35	330	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00
El Paso ct.....	1	25	2	10	150	10 25	.....	.....	.....	10 25
Mineral ct.....	2	70	3	24	195	25 00	.....	10 00	30 00	65 00
Mt. Pisgah ct.....	1	25	6	40	288	33 45	.....	.....	.....	33 45
West Searcy ct.....	1	25	4	14	125	4 80	.....	.....	.....	4 80
Stony Point ct.....	1	25	3	14	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bald Knob mission.....	1	30	3	20	100	.....	.....	1 65	.....	1 65
Ward mission.....	1	30	3	11	65	2 05	.....	.....	.....	2 05
Total.....	13	462	51	325	2534	501 50	68 67	56 20	246 50	872 87
Total last year.....	16	551	40	330	2351	426 99	33 00	29 80	281 30	771 09
Increase.....	.....	.....	11	.....	183	74 51	35 67	26 40	.....	101 78
Decrease.....	3	89	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 80	.....

**RECAPITULATION.**

Batesville District.....	2	75	46	232	1943	199 43	56 27	31 56	57 25	344 51
Helena District.....	14	412	49	294	2051	587 98	51 97	44 28	623 54	1300 60
Jonesboro District.....	7	250	81	518	4336	765 82	57 66	79 26	196 85	1099 59
Newport District.....	9	237	39	272	2060	405 13	94 22	21 85	34 30	555 50
Searcy District.....	13	462	51	325	2534	501 50	68 67	56 20	246 50	872 87
Total.....	45	1436	266	1641	12924	\$2459 86	\$328 79	\$233 15	\$1158 44	\$4173 07
Total last year.....	59	1309	248	1653	12792	2547 29	325 40	171 65	872 45	3016 79
Increase.....	6	127	18	.....	132	.....	3 39	61 50	285 99	256 28
Decrease.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	87 43	.....	.....	.....	.....

# Finance==1897.

## BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Name of Charge	Presiding Elder		Preacher in charge		Bishops		Conference Claimants		Foreign Missions		Domestic Missions		Church Extension		Education		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Pfr. Mth.	Am. Bible Sy.	Other objects	Total
	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.				
Batesville station...	\$149 00	\$140 00	\$1000 00	\$1000 00	\$18 05	\$18 05	\$56 88	\$56 88	\$96 25	\$96 25	\$45 50	\$45 50	\$17 50	\$17 50	\$18 13	\$18 13	\$8 22	\$8 25	\$2 65	\$50	\$374 96	\$1778 07
West Batesville mis.	25 00	12 65	255 00	126 14	3 22	3 25	19 16	19 20	17 19	17 20	8 13	8 15	3 12	3 15	3 24	3 15	1 47	1 50	50	50	63 80	250 19
Sulphur Rock et...	62 50	42 32	500 00	339 99	8 05	8 05	25 30	25 40	42 97	43 00	20 31	20 30	7 81	7 85	8 09	8 10	3 67	3 65	1 20	2 00	251 00	752 83
Jamestown et.....	59 00	23 21	390 00	162 50	6 44	6 44	20 31	1 50	34 37	2 00	16 25	5 25	6 25	....	6 48	50	2 93	25	50	50	6 00	238 65
Cedar Grove et.....	39 00	12 45	250 00	93 53	3 86	4 00	12 19	4 00	20 62	6 00	9 75	4 00	3 75	1 00	3 88	1 00	1 76	1 00	55	75	7 00	135 28
Cushman et.....	49 00	20 16	400 00	181 51	5 15	5 15	16 25	7 85	27 50	6 00	13 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	5 18	2 00	2 35	2 00	75	3 02	45 75	280 19
Oil Trough mission	39 00	12 80	275 00	126 50	3 86	3 86	12 19	3 50	20 62	3 50	9 75	3 50	3 75	....	3 89	....	1 76	....	56	1 00	....	155 22
Melbourne et.....	59 00	33 00	500 00	260 00	6 44	6 33	20 31	7 00	34 38	2 00	15 25	10 00	6 25	1 00	6 48	1 00	2 93	1 00	....	1 00	40 00	362 33
Laeros et.....	22 50	13 50	177 50	107 86	2 80	2 80	9 14	3 00	15 47	3 00	7 31	4 00	2 81	2 70	2 91	....	1 32	....	....	....	392 25	529 20
Newburg et.....	45 00	26 16	240 00	190 45	5 79	5 80	18 28	60	30 93	4 00	14 63	2 30	5 63	1 25	5 83	....	2 64	....	....	....	378 00	608 56
Inka mission.....	25 00	15 35	120 00	76 95	3 22	3 22	10 16	....	17 19	1 09	8 12	1 09	3 12	....	3 24	....	1 47	....	47	....	97 99	....
Mountain View et..	45 00	20 00	350 00	212 83	5 79	5 79	18 28	3 92	30 94	3 25	14 63	3 00	5 63	....	5 83	....	2 64	....	60	....	57 90	307 29
Richwoods mission	15 00	5 00	125 00	55 10	1 93	2 00	6 09	50	10 31	30	4 87	27	1 87	....	1 94	....	88	....	....	....	63 17	....
Evening Shade et..	69 00	38 90	440 00	280 16	7 72	7 75	24 37	1 00	41 25	10 09	19 50	2 59	7 50	1 00	7 77	....	3 52	....	1 09	1 15	153 39	505 76
Salem et.....	50 00	27 67	450 00	252 41	6 44	6 45	20 31	7 00	34 38	12 50	16 25	4 50	6 25	2 50	6 47	1 46	2 93	1 33	....	....	161 25	477 07
Indian Camp et....	20 00	11 37	200 00	113 65	2 57	2 58	8 12	2 09	13 75	1 50	6 50	3 25	2 50	....	2 59	....	1 17	....	38	....	5 05	139 78
Viola et.....	39 00	12 30	270 00	111 29	3 85	3 87	12 19	1 00	20 63	3 00	9 75	1 70	3 75	75	3 88	50	1 76	75	57	....	5 09	140 73
Calamine et.....	35 00	11 36	300 00	98 68	4 50	4 51	14 22	3 00	24 06	1 63	11 37	1 57	4 38	1 80	4 53	....	2 05	....	....	....	....	122 53
Ash Flat et.....	25 00	14 95	250 00	149 86	3 22	3 21	19 16	3 15	17 19	....	8 13	....	3 13	....	3 24	....	1 47	....	....	....	52 50	223 67
Total.....	800 00	493 15	6102 50	3948 39	103 00	103 20	325 00	141 50	550 00	216 13	260 00	124 79	109 60	42 50	103 60	35 74	46 94	19 73	9 73	9 92	1993 76	7138 54
Total last year.	800 00	476 28	6257 00	3918 00	101 28	87 82	325 00	140 58	600 10	191 60	215 77	116 46	120 00	42 01	70 00	24 62	60 12	12 32	8 03	15 63	2278 75	7312 10
Increase.....	.....	16 87	145 50	30 49	1 72	15 38	.....	42	.....	24 53	44 23	8 33	.....	49	33 60	11 12	.....	7 41	1 70	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	13 18	.....	.....	5 71	274 99	173 54

## JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro station..	149 00	149 00	1000 00	1000 00	13 34	13 35	38 00	49 00	76 00	323 50	36 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	11 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	2 60	37 25	428 00	2055 19
Nettleton et.....	56 00	32 00	400 00	229 00	5 33	5 30	15 20	12 00	30 40	19 00	14 40	4 00	6 00	3 00	4 40	....	2 00	....	80	....	1141 80	1427 90
Harrisburg et.....	70 00	44 45	500 00	317 73	6 67	6 67	19 00	11 75	38 00	22 80	18 00	10 80	7 50	5 00	5 59	3 30	2 50	1 50	2 50	1 25	46 70	474 45
Yamdale et.....	70 00	58 36	500 00	386 59	6 67	6 67	19 00	19 00	38 00	38 00	18 00	18 00	7 50	7 50	5 50	5 50	2 50	2 50	1 25	2 00	401 42	946 79
Marion et.....	70 00	70 00	500 00	500 00	6 67	6 67	19 00	19 00	38 00	38 00	18 00	18 00	7 50	7 50	5 50	5 50	2 50	....	....	....	74 00	738 67
Marion et—1 Jr. P.	23 10	.....	165 00	106 39	2 20	2 20	6 17	6 17	12 54	12 54	5 76	5 76	2 48	2 48	1 83	1 83	83	83	33	....	17 00	155 44
Marion et—2 Jr. P.	42 00	.....	300 00	.....	4 00	....	11 40	....	22 80	....	10 80	....	4 50	....	3 30	....	1 50	....	....	....	....	....
Cotton Belt mis....	17 50	.....	125 00	23 00	1 66	1 66	4 75	....	9 50	....	4 50	1 70	1 88	....	1 39	....	63	....	....	....	26 36	....
Shiloh et.....	45 50	56 85	325 00	402 59	4 33	7 52	12 35	11 25	24 70	12 65	11 70	13 25	4 88	4 59	3 58	1 25	1 63	2 85	1 15	....	115 34	629 11
Shiloh et—1 Jr. P..	33 80	.....	240 00	.....	3 20	....	9 12	....	18 24	....	8 64	....	3 60	....	2 65	....	1 20	....	....	....	....	....
Gainesville et.....	56 00	37 85	490 00	286 95	5 33	5 36	15 20	13 20	30 46	26 50	14 40	12 20	6 09	5 00	4 40	3 40	2 00	1 75	80	....	....	393 01



**JONESBORO DISTRICT---CONTINUED.**

Name of Charge	Presiding Elder		Preacher in charge		Bishops		Conference Claimants		Foreign Missions		Domestic Missions		Church Extension		Education		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Pg. Min.	Am. Bible Sy.	Other objects	Total
	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.				
Rector ct.....	\$ 56 00	\$ 34 10	\$ 400 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 5 33	\$ 5 00	\$ 15 20	\$ 10 00	\$ 30 46	\$ 8 00	\$ 14 40	\$ 8 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 40	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 80	\$ 1 00	\$ .....	\$ 369 90
Boydsville ct.....	49 00	32 30	350 00	236 82	4 67	4 67	13 30	13 30	26 60	5 00	12 60	5 00	5 25	....	3 85	....	1 75	1 75	70	....	....	300 54
St. Francis ct.....	69 90	33 00	435 00	239 09	5 80	5 80	16 53	16 53	33 06	30 00	15 66	10 00	6 52	6 52	4 80	....	2 18	2 00	87	....	512 50	856 31
Golden Lake ct.....	52 59	52 50	375 00	509 09	5 00	5 00	14 25	14 25	28 50	28 50	13 50	13 50	5 63	5 63	4 14	4 44	1 88	1 88	....	....	544 25	1169 95
Osceola station.....	84 00	64 85	670 00	459 65	8 00	8 00	22 80	22 80	45 60	45 60	21 60	21 60	9 09	9 09	6 60	6 60	3 00	3 00	1 20	....	117 00	758 80
Osceola ct.....	50 40	42 00	360 00	305 00	4 80	1 00	13 68	....	27 36	5 00	12 96	3 00	5 40	2 00	3 96	....	1 80	....	....	....	399 80	....
Blythesville ct.....	56 09	53 93	409 00	392 37	5 33	7 99	15 29	10 00	30 40	22 50	14 40	22 80	6 00	4 00	4 40	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 20	....	118 95	638 21
Blythesv. ct--1 Jr. P	28 00	....	200 09	....	2 66	....	7 60	....	15 20	....	7 20	....	3 00	....	2 20	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	....
Blythesv. ct--2 Jr. P	14 09	....	100 00	....	1 33	....	3 80	....	7 60	....	3 60	....	1 50	....	1 10	....	50	....	....	....	....	....
Buffalo Island ct...	42 00	12 00	300 00	143 00	4 00	1 73	11 49	....	22 80	....	10 89	....	4 50	....	3 30	....	1 50	....	....	....	3 40	160 13
Big Bay mission...	14 00	12 60	100 00	99 00	1 53	1 35	3 80	3 80	7 60	3 00	3 60	3 60	1 50	50	1 10	50	50	50	25	....	52 30	168 40
Lorado ct.....	42 00	28 09	300 00	216 77	4 09	4 00	11 49	4 50	22 80	3 00	10 89	3 00	4 50	1 00	3 30	....	1 50	....	60	....	....	260 87
Paragould station...	149 09	149 00	1000 00	1000 00	13 34	13 34	38 00	38 00	76 00	76 00	36 00	36 00	15 00	15 00	11 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	445 00	1783 84
Paragould ct.....	56 09	43 70	400 00	312 94	5 33	5 25	15 29	10 00	30 40	4 50	14 40	10 00	6 00	....	4 40	....	2 00	1 00	95	....	120 00	508 84
Main Shore ct.....	17 50	12 80	125 09	105 29	1 66	1 66	4 75	....	9 50	....	4 59	....	1 88	....	1 38	....	63	....	....	....	....	119 66
Total .....	1386 20	1000 76	9900 00	7552 91	132 18	120 19	376 10	265 55	752 52	715 09	256 22	260 21	148 52	95 63	168 98	58 32	49 53	32 66	17 90	43 50	4537 46	14699 55
Total last year.	1229 10	1007 21	8670 00	7165 38	123 15	126 05	364 30	253 33	687 50	690 90	291 75	235 40	150 60	95 45	168 00	67 85	75 60	31 90	15 05	54 71	4934 60	14587 80
Increase.....	166 10	....	230 60	387 53	9 03	....	11 80	12 25	65 02	114 19	64 47	24 81	....	18	98	....	16	2 85	....	....	....	411 75
Decrease.....	....	6 45	....	....	....	5 86	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 48	....	....	9 53	25 47	....	....	11 21	397 14	....

**HELENA DISTRICT.**

Helena station.....	180 00	180 00	1200 00	1200 00	20 00	20 00	56 00	60 00	106 00	66 00	50 00	49 00	20 00	1 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	....	3 00	15 00	193 00	1803 00
Forrest City station	120 00	91 00	800 00	615 00	13 00	13 00	38 00	35 00	71 00	40 00	33 00	20 00	13 00	10 00	11 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	800 00	1646 00
Marianna station...	120 00	120 00	1000 00	1000 00	13 00	13 00	38 00	38 00	71 00	71 00	33 00	33 00	13 00	13 00	11 00	11 00	5 00	8 00	....	....	439 67	1746 67
Clarendon station..	110 00	110 00	850 00	900 00	12 00	12 00	35 00	35 00	65 00	65 00	30 00	30 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	....	2 00	52 00	229 00	1457 00
Cot. Plant & Howell	100 00	85 30	750 00	664 70	11 00	11 00	31 00	31 00	59 00	59 00	28 00	28 00	11 00	....	9 00	9 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	....	83 45	977 45
Holly Grove ct.....	80 00	80 00	610 00	550 00	9 00	9 00	25 00	25 00	47 00	47 00	22 00	22 00	9 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	....	137 00	890 00
Haynes ct.....	80 00	57 00	600 00	430 00	9 00	9 00	25 00	12 00	47 00	13 00	22 00	8 00	9 00	4 00	7 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	1260 00	1801 50
LaGrange ct.....	80 00	68 29	720 00	614 61	9 00	9 00	25 00	15 00	47 00	10 00	22 00	5 00	9 00	4 50	7 00	3 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	....	341 95	1073 85
McCrory & Wynne.	80 00	53 30	709 00	434 00	9 00	8 00	25 00	15 00	47 00	15 00	22 00	15 00	9 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	....	2 00	....	....	550 30
Taylor's Creek ct...	60 00	25 92	400 00	207 38	6 50	6 50	19 00	8 00	35 50	7 00	16 50	5 00	6 50	2 00	5 50	2 00	2 50	....	1 00	....	....	264 80
DeView mission...	60 00	28 00	400 00	191 50	6 50	6 50	19 00	7 50	35 50	5 00	16 50	9 00	6 50	2 00	5 50	2 00	2 50	....	1 00	....	18 29	270 70
Brinkley mission..	50 00	31 00	400 00	238 68	5 50	5 50	15 50	15 50	27 50	27 00	14 50	14 00	5 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	....	148 00	487 18
Wheatley ct.....	50 00	2 00	....	86 50	5 50	2 25	15 50	5 00	27 50	4 00	14 50	3 00	5 50	....	4 50	....	2 00	....	....	....	39 00	141 75
Oak Forest ct.....	50 00	18 40	310 00	225 00	5 50	5 50	15 50	1 50	27 50	3 00	14 50	2 50	5 50	....	4 50	....	2 00	2 00	1 00	....	....	258 90
Cypress Ridge ct...	50 00	22 75	300 00	136 40	5 50	3 50	15 50	....	27 50	....	14 50	....	5 50	....	4 50	....	2 00	....	....	....	....	162 65
Turner mission.....	35 00	8 40	350 00	85 59	4 00	4 00	11 00	5 00	20 00	5 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	....	3 00	....	1 50	....	....	....	8 95	123 05
Jericho mission....	25 09	6 25	135 00	33 29	2 75	2 75	7 75	2 86	13 75	3 34	7 00	3 09	2 75	1 02	2 25	70	1 00	37	18	....	....	53 76
L'Angeville mission	25 00	6 50	95 00	26 90	2 75	2 75	7 75	50	13 75	1 65	7 00	1 75	2 75	....	2 25	....	1 00	....	25	....	2 25	42 55
Total .....	1355 00	994 11	9620 00	7639 37	149 50	143 25	424 50	311 86	788 50	442 19	377 00	254 34	149 50	61 52	121 50	84 70	55 50	27 37	18 93	73 00	3700 47	13751 11
Total last year.	1305 00	1038 78	8550 00	7481 25	148 85	141 10	428 95	299 60	800 70	404 95	357 85	236 35	181 65	80 35	119 70	148 50	92 65	31 40	18 80	51 20	4169 63	14101 91
Increase.....	50 00	....	70 00	158 12	65	2 15	....	12 26	....	37 24	19 15	17 99	....	....	1 80	....	....	....	13	21 80	....	....
Decrease.....	....	44 67	....	....	....	....	4 55	....	12 20	....	....	32 15	18 83	....	63 80	37 15	4 03	....	....	....	469 16	350 80

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## NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Name of Charge	Presiding Elder		Preacher in charge		Bishops		Conference Claimants		Foreign Missions		Domestic Missions		Church Extension		Education		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Pte. Min.	Am. Bible Sy.	Other objects	Total
	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.	A'd	Pd.				
Newport station....	\$140 00	\$140 00	\$1000 00	\$1000 00	\$14 40	\$14 50	\$45 00	\$45 00	\$83 30	\$81 00	\$39 46	\$39 50	\$13 85	\$13 00	\$18 70	\$15 00	\$6 50	\$6 50	\$2 00	\$8 00	\$5220 00	\$6584 50
W. Ridge & Poa....	84 60	64 00	600 00	393 35	9 60	9 60	30 10	20 00	55 20	20 00	26 30	21 00	9 25	5 00	12 45	5 00	4 40	....	1 00	....	130 00	668 95
M. Spring & Willif'd	70 00	57 06	500 00	345 66	8 00	8 00	25 00	20 00	46 25	22 00	21 92	16 00	7 70	2 00	10 40	5 00	3 60	2 00	1 15	....	158 43	637 30
Corning et.....	70 00	52 50	480 00	321 73	8 00	8 00	25 00	9 00	46 25	38 20	21 92	6 80	7 70	2 40	10 40	....	3 60	1 80	1 15	....	98 74	540 32
Portia et.....	70 00	53 73	500 00	330 52	8 00	8 00	25 00	12 00	46 25	15 00	21 92	10 60	7 70	3 50	10 40	3 00	3 60	2 00	1 15	6 00	141 00	585 90
Therkman et.....	70 00	65 73	500 00	403 56	8 00	8 00	25 00	24 70	46 25	17 00	21 92	16 50	7 70	1 10	10 40	....	3 60	3 60	1 15	....	580 00	1121 34
Black Rock et.....	63 00	49 00	400 00	250 00	7 20	7 20	22 50	3 00	41 65	2 25	19 75	2 50	6 90	....	9 35	9 35	3 25	1 75	....	50	71 60	388 15
Imboden et.....	63 00	30 02	340 00	185 00	7 20	7 20	22 50	6 00	41 65	11 50	19 75	5 00	6 90	2 00	9 35	1 00	3 25	2 00	1 05	....	46 00	296 77
Reyno et.....	49 00	49 00	350 00	301 00	5 60	5 60	17 50	5 00	32 30	9 00	15 35	2 00	5 38	....	7 25	50	2 55	....	80	1 00	70 63	444 53
Alicia et.....	49 00	40 80	500 00	249 27	5 60	5 60	17 50	11 00	32 30	12 00	15 35	10 50	5 38	2 50	7 25	1 00	2 55	1 50	81	1 00	40 85	376 83
Siloam et.....	49 00	35 86	315 00	223 91	5 60	5 00	17 50	1 00	32 30	4 50	15 35	2 50	5 38	1 00	7 25	....	2 55	....	....	....	42 00	315 77
Pocahontas et.....	42 00	21 33	335 40	132 35	4 80	4 80	15 00	2 00	27 80	3 00	13 15	3 00	4 60	....	6 25	....	2 10	20	50	50	6 00	173 68
Walnut Hill mis..	42 00	16 50	300 00	104 25	4 80	2 60	15 00	50	27 80	2 65	13 15	2 92	4 60	50	6 25	....	2 10	....	....	....	1 50	131 37
Jacksonport mis..	25 00	26 17	250 00	160 00	4 00	2 50	12 50	5 60	23 10	9 00	10 95	5 00	3 85	1 00	5 20	2 00	1 40	50	55	50	39 00	242 22
Sedgwick mis.....	28 00	9 21	165 00	57 48	3 20	95	10 00	....	18 10	....	8 75	....	3 08	....	4 10	....	1 85	....	....	....	1 25	68 89
Total.....	924 00	701 91	6535 40	4458 08	104 00	97 55	325 10	164 20	600 50	247 05	284 39	143 22	99 87	34 00	135 00	41 85	46 90	21 85	11 31	17 50	6638 00	12576 52
Total last year..	970 34	727 24	6790 30	4636 49	100 00	98 45	325 00	186 72	600 00	280 79	214 00	158 15	120 00	43 40	91 00	38 10	60 00	19 36	13 45	34 37	3686 88	9923 90
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	10	.....	50	.....	70 99	.....	.....	.....	44 00	3 75	.....	2 49	.....	.....	2951 12	2652 62
Decrease.....	46 34	25 33	254 90	178 41	.....	1 40	.....	26 52	.....	.....	13 74	.....	14 93	20 13	9 40	.....	13 10	.....	2 14	16 87	.....	.....

## SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy station.....	185 00	185 00	1000 00	1000 00	28 12	28 12	79 68	71 00	150 00	130 00	70 31	61 00	28 12	25 00	39 09	11 00	9 75	9 75	....	12 40	460 00	1993 27
Augusta station....	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00	14 12	14 12	37 18	20 00	70 00	20 00	32 81	10 10	13 12	5 00	14 00	14 00	4 55	2 09	1 00	16 00	455 00	1257 12
Argenta station....	100 00	56 15	900 00	532 50	14 66	14 10	39 84	39 85	75 00	75 00	35 18	35 15	14 06	14 10	15 00	20 00	4 87	4 90	2 35	1 00	1009 84	1804 94
Auvergne & Weld'n	80 00	77 00	500 00	485 00	11 25	11 25	31 87	26 60	60 00	50 00	28 12	23 15	11 25	9 10	12 00	6 00	3 90	2 50	1 87	2 15	250 50	945 12
Beebe & West Point	80 00	49 50	600 00	373 80	11 25	11 25	31 87	31 87	60 00	60 00	28 12	28 12	11 25	11 25	12 00	12 00	3 90	3 90	1 90	....	83 45	667 04
Union and Revell..	75 00	52 50	450 00	450 00	7 50	7 50	21 25	21 25	40 00	40 00	18 75	18 75	7 50	7 50	8 00	8 00	2 60	2 60	1 25	....	49 10	658 45
Jacksonville et....	65 00	33 15	500 00	280 04	10 31	10 31	29 30	16 00	55 00	10 00	25 78	10 00	10 35	2 00	11 00	....	3 57	3 50	1 70	....	27 00	393 70
Beebe et.....	77 50	26 00	500 00	210 00	7 50	3 40	21 25	16 50	40 00	25 00	18 45	16 50	7 50	2 00	8 00	1 00	2 60	75	1 25	....	23 00	325 40
El Paso et.....	75 00	33 35	600 00	133 27	10 31	10 00	29 21	5 00	55 00	10 00	25 78	5 00	10 31	5 00	11 09	....	3 57	3 50	1 70	....	10 25	217 07
Mineral et.....	50 00	34 25	290 00	170 00	8 43	8 43	23 90	9 60	45 00	16 00	21 09	7 00	8 43	2 75	9 09	3 75	2 95	50	50	1 00	85 00	338 18
Mt. Pisgah et.....	55 00	22 50	365 00	227 27	5 62	5 62	15 93	3 00	30 00	9 00	14 06	1 84	5 62	....	6 00	....	1 95	1 95	93	....	33 45	305 56
West Searcy et....	50 00	23 87	375 00	169 85	10 35	10 35	29 21	5 00	55 00	10 00	25 78	5 00	10 31	2 20	11 09	....	3 57	....	....	....	10 80	237 07
Stony Point et....	37 00	11 00	305 00	69 00	5 62	5 62	15 93	....	30 00	.....	14 06	....	5 62	....	6 00	....	1 95	....	....	....	....	85 62
Bald Knob mission.	25 00	19 55	200 00	160 00	3 75	3 75	10 62	8 24	20 00	17 00	9 22	7 20	3 75	3 75	4 00	2 50	1 30	1 30	70	1 00	119 15	344 14
Ward mission.....	25 00	23 90	155 00	79 19	2 81	3 75	7 96	2 65	15 00	3 50	7 52	6 45	2 81	....	3 00	....	97	60	40	....	2 05	122 49
Total.....	1079 50	747 72	7240 00	4939 92	151 60	147 57	425 00	275 96	800 00	475 50	375 03	215 16	150 00	89 65	160 00	78 25	52 00	37 75	15 55	33 55	2618 59	9695 17
Total last year..	1010 00	802 80	7200 00	4900 80	155 00	150 65	427 50	258 35	790 00	401 60	340 50	210 50	181 00	75 85	53 00	23 00	84 00	27 75	16 02	41 21	2987 60	9896 13
Increase.....	69 50	.....	40 00	39 12	.....	.....	.....	17 61	10 00	73 90	34 53	24 66	.....	13 80	107 00	55 25	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	55 06	.....	.....	4 00	3 08	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	.....	47	7 66	369 01	1200 96

# RECAPITULATION.

Batesville District..	800 00	493 15	6432 50	3948 39	103 00	103 20	325 00	141 50	550 00	216 13	260 00	124 79	100 00	42 50	103 60	35 74	46 94	19 73	9 73	9 92	1993 76	7138 54
Helena District.....	1355 00	994 11	9620 00	7639 37	149 50	143 25	424 50	311 86	788 50	442 19	377 00	254 34	149 50	61 52	121 50	84 70	55 50	27 37	18 93	73 00	3700 47	13741 11
Jonesboro District..	1386 20	1000 76	9900 00	7552 91	132 18	120 19	376 10	265 55	752 52	715 09	356 22	260 21	148 52	95 63	108 98	58 32	49 53	32 06	17 99	43 50	4537 46	14699 58
Newport District...	924 00	701 91	6535 40	4458 08	104 00	97 55	325 10	164 20	600 50	247 05	284 99	143 22	19 87	34 00	135 00	41 85	46 90	21 85	11 31	17 50	6638 00	12576 52
Searcy District.....	1079 50	747 72	7240 00	4939 92	151 00	147 57	425 00	275 96	800 00	475 50	375 03	235 16	150 00	89 65	160 00	78 25	52 00	37 75	15 55	33 55	2618 59	9695 17
Total.....	5544 70	3937 65	39697 90	28538 67	639 68	611 76	1875 70	1159 07	3491 52	2095 96	1653 24	1017 72	647 89	323 30	629 08	298 86	250 87	138 76	73 42	177 47	19488 28	57850 92
Total last year...	5335 44	4052 31	38467 30	28101 92	628 28	604 57	1870 75	1138 55	3478 30	1879 84	1437 87	956 86	752 65	337 06	441 70	302 07	371 77	122 73	71 35	197 12	18057 46	55821 84
Increase.....	239 26	.....	1230 60	436 75	11 40	7 19	4 95	20 52	13 22	216 12	215 37	60 86	.....	.....	187 38	.....	.....	16 03	2 07	.....	1410 82	2629 08
Decrease.....	.....	114 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 76	13 76	.....	3 21	120 90	.....	.....	19 65	.....	.....

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